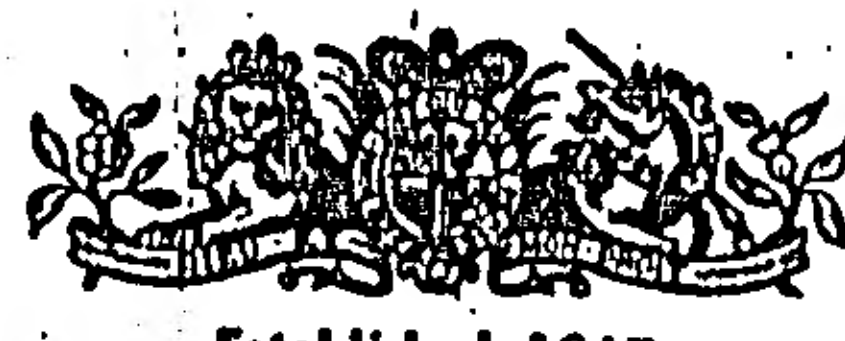


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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Masterly Budget

MR Butler's budget, for-bidding in many respects, is nevertheless a masterpiece in compromise. No Chancellor of the Exchequer has demonstrated more dexterity in mixing a budget pill with blessings and tribulations. Mr Butler has shown no lack of courage or vision. Confronted with grim realities he has clearly striven to deal with them in a practical manner. He has kept in mind the primary task of ensuring Britain's solvency. This, inevitably, involves new impositions on the living standards of the nation. Those he has conceived are severe, but not to a point of being crippling. He offers compensations for hardships and new rewards for endeavour. It is a budget that goes a long way towards meeting the urgent requirements of the moment. If it makes the housewife shudder, it will also create a more solid confidence abroad in Britain's ability to raise herself from a financial morass. This is a time when the Pound Sterling overseas has to be made more important than the Pound Sterling at home.

MR Butler's proposals will not escape criticism. He may be accused of failing to spread sufficiently his demand for sacrifices in living conditions. It is the average household that is chiefly going to feel the drastic effects of the slash in subsidies, involving higher prices for essential foodstuffs. And it is not perfectly certain that additional allowances will wholly compensate for this drain on the family income. Nevertheless the cutting down of subsidies represents one of the most effective methods of saving on Government expenditure and merits justification on that score. Undoubtedly the Chancellor has used imagination and skill in his efforts to cushion the effects of higher living costs. New income allowances for single and married men, increased Government contributions to the maintenance of children, and an upward revision of old age pensions will mean assistance for those who principally need it. These are concessions that will meet with general approval.

THIS is a "save the Pound" budget, and few of its features have come as a big surprise. The decision to raise the bank rate to 4 per cent is drastic, but equally realistic. Further cuts in imports are unavoidable. The immediate necessity is to correct the adverse balance of payments and the Chancellor has not shied from adopting direct measures best calculated to bring about the nation's financial recovery. At home he has offered incentives for willing sacrifices and abroad he has invited a new and firmer confidence in Britain's resourcefulness. Mr Butler has, in fact, produced a budget of considerable distinction.

4 Communists Hanged

Singapore, Mar. 11. Four Chinese members of the Malayan Communist Party who had been convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of another Chinese who refused to work for the cause of Communism were hanged at Penang Prison today.

The four men, with two others, waylaid the victim and killed him to death.

The Police exhumed the body on receipt of information from one of the six men involved in the murder, and subsequent investigation led to the arrest of the four. — United Press.

"NEW HOPE FOR BRITAIN" BUDGET

Mr Butler Calls For Fresh Efforts To Save Country

London, Mar. 11.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Richard A. Butler, told the nation in a radio broadcast tonight that the new budget should give Britain new hope.

He stated that the budget should encourage the nation to make the great effort necessary to save the country.

He added that the budget did not seek to hide realities by letting the people think that things which were cheap had not to be dearly paid for by the state.

After announcing that the food subsidies had been reduced by almost half, Mr Butler pointed out that the disguise which masked the real cost of imported food had been removed.

Mr Butler stressed that the budget was fair as it provided for excess profit tax which companies would pay under present conditions.

The Chancellor said that the increase in the rate of bank interest should stimulate exports and help to assure maintenance of full employment.

Earthquake Cost Japan £10 Million

Tokyo, Mar. 12.

Official estimates released here late on Tuesday placed losses in the earthquake and tidal waves which struck Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, on March 4 at more than 10,000 million yen (£10,000,000).

The figure does not include complete estimates of crop damage, which would not become available until late spring, when the snow covering most of Hokkaido now begins to melt.

The latest estimate of quake and tidal wave casualties was 555.

The casualties included 26 dead and six persons still missing.

The quake and waves destroyed or damaged more than 25,000 homes, schools, hospitals, and other buildings for a total loss estimated at more than 4,500 million yen.

Damage to mining, marine products and agriculture accounted for the loss of nearly 3,300 million yen.

Roads, railroads, bridges, harbours, communications, waterworks and other public utilities suffered total damage estimated at nearly 2,000 million yen.

Prefectures in the Sanriku district, in the northern part of the Japanese mainland, suffered additional damage estimated at 350,000,000 yen. — Reuter.

A DAY OF TRAGEDIES

London, Mar. 11.

Tragic deaths were reported from several parts of England today.

Four elderly people died in three fires. They were Mrs Alice Browning, aged 78, in her home at Fumstead, London; two brothers, James Kennedy, aged 73, and Daniel Kennedy, aged 75, at their home at Ballynary, County Londonderry; Miss Mary Harvey, aged 85, in her basement home at Notting Hill, London.

Two men were killed and another was critically injured when two lorries, one laden with bricks and the other with gravel, collided at Market Harborough.

The two killed were the driver of the brick lorry and his mate. A master at Winchester College, an exclusive school, found his 15-year-old son hanging from a bell rope in the College Chapel Tower.

The boy, who was reported missing last night, had climbed the 200 steps in the 300-foot high tower.

Six passengers in the Exeter to Waterloo express were injured by flying glass when an open door of a train from Waterloo to Basingstoke struck the express in passing near Clapham Junction, London. — Reuter.

Mr Butler concluded by saying that there was certain amount of unemployment in the Lancashire textile industry. He warned that the nation would be faced with more unemployment if the pound sterling were not saved.

The Chancellor said that everyone wished for something better than permanent austerity and to achieve that a great national effort was necessary.

It was also to stimulate such an effort that the Government had decided to introduce encouragement under the form of reductions on income tax. — France-Press.

SALES TAX CHANGES

London, Mar. 11.

A big change in Britain's sales tax (purchase tax) to remove discrimination against imports from overseas will be among the results of the new budget.

Though imports are to be cut many foreign goods which are now too dear for British purchases because of this sales tax will be made cheaper.

Some foreign imports have cost over twice as much as identical British goods on which there is neither duty nor purchase tax.

Now imported goods will only pay purchase tax on the same basis as home-produced goods.

Overseas traders have often objected to the utility scheme which has been operating in Britain since the early war days.

This scheme was designed to keep down living costs by producing simple clothes, footwear and furniture, exempt from purchase tax levied on a wide range of goods.

The scheme was never extended to imports which came into the bracket of non-utility goods subject to purchase tax.

By far the biggest slice of Britain's 1952-53 budget expenditure will be on defence preparations totalling £1,548,000,000.

This takes more than one-third of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr R. A. Butler's, total of £4,150,000,000 — the figure which results from amending his original estimate of £4,240,000,000 in the light of his cuts in food subsidies and changes in the national health and pensions service.

The next biggest item is £805,000,000 on "other services" which covered food subsidies at £250,000,000 and the rest on nearly a dozen other headings varying from the biggest single item of £283,000,000 on "Commonwealth and foreign services" to the smallest — £2,000,000 on "civil supervision".

The health, insurance and pensions service will cost £763,000,000 and helping local authorities with education, housing, Police, roads, fire brigades and so on £501,000,000.

The other major item — £575,000,000 — goes on permanent charge on the national debt.

SOME EFFECTS

Here are some of the tax changes effects on the British citizen:

Family Allowances — The State will pay eight shillings a week instead of five shillings for each child in a family after the first.

Pensions — Totally disabled people will get 10 shillings a week more, raising their pensions to 55 shillings. War

widows will also get more and the Government will be raising pensions for old people.

Petrol — Motorists will have to pay 7½d. more duty on each gallon of petrol for oil. Their petrol will now cost 4s. 3d. a gallon. From next year they will also have to pay 12d. 10s. a year to license their cars instead of 10s.

Postal Services — Higher charges for telephone rentals, parcel posts and telegrams.

Sports — Soccer and cricket spectators will pay a higher entertainment tax rate. — Reuter.

CAUSES CONCERN

London, Mar. 11.

Britain's decision to cut her imports from all sources by another £100,000,000 this year, a reduction of 10 per cent on 1951, announced in the House of Commons today by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Richard Butler, has already caused concern in some countries.

This was shown in the following Reuter dispatches.

Copenhagen — Same anxiety is expressed here over the possible repercussions of British import cuts on Danish exports though the necessity for the cuts is fully understood.

Rome — Italian financial sources are critical of the new British import restrictions. They view them as a departure from the general principle of trade liberalisation, import cuts on those cheeses not on the food ration in Britain will be severely felt. Trade sources say the Italian textile industry, already struggling with severe competition from France and from the revived German and Japanese mills, will be badly hit. Some Italian firms are working three days a week only because of lack of orders. — Reuter.

DEMONSTRATION

London, Mar. 11.

The police tonight broke up a Communist demonstration aimed at the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, and the government's new Budget outside the House of Commons.

A group distributed leaflets attacking the Budget, then formed a column and marched through the square shouting "Churchill Resign" and "Down with the Tories".

The regular police summoned reinforcements to prevent the column from marching into the yard outside the House. They eventually forced the demonstrators back into Whitehall and dispersed them.

The House session had already ended.

The leaflets charged that the Budget meant poverty, war and domination by the United States. They also protested against rearmament and called for a new government. — United Press.

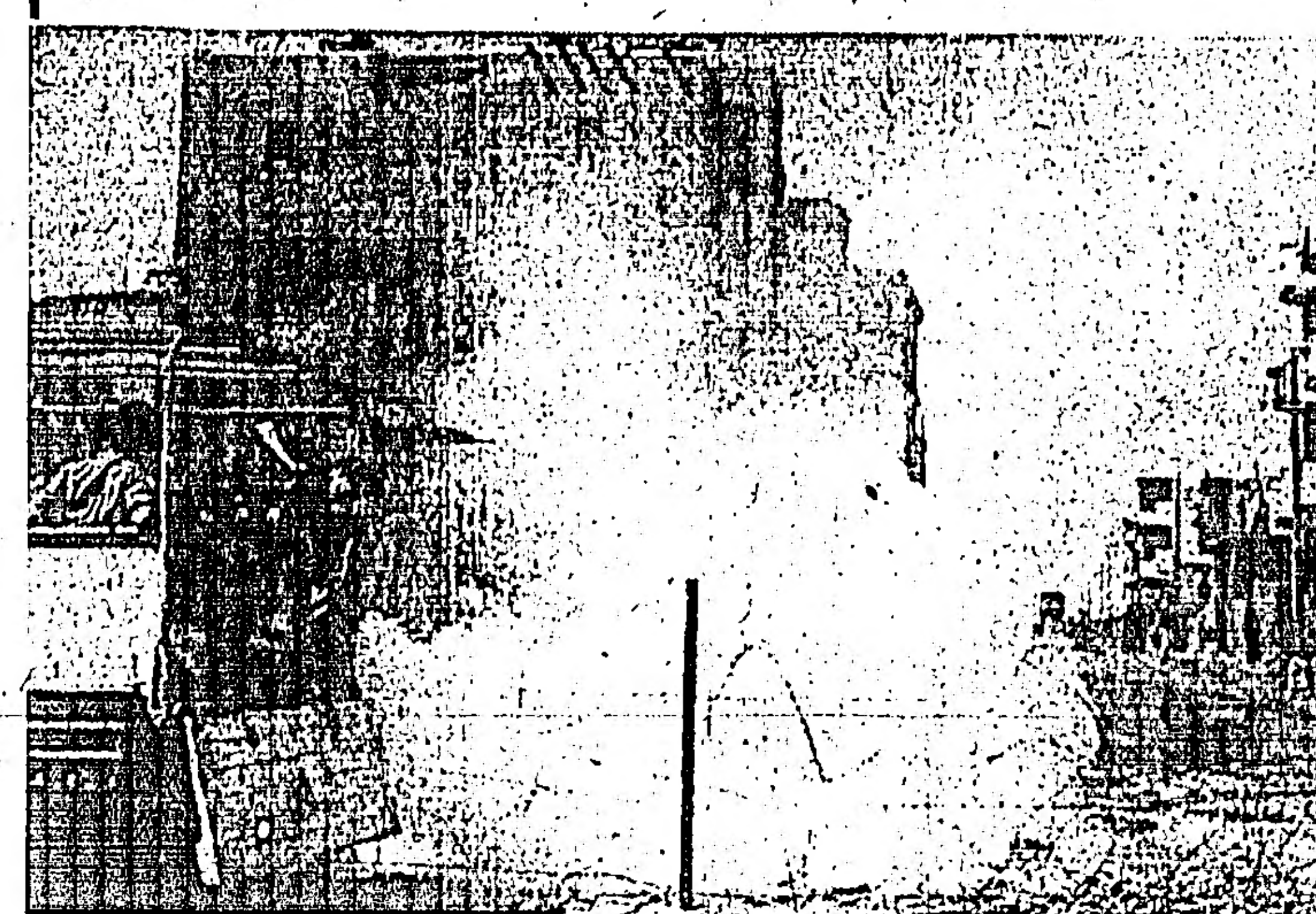
WAFDISTS DECIDE TO OPPOSE GOVT

Cairo, Mar. 11.

The Wafdist Party today announced its decision to oppose the general policy of the present Government led by Neguib el Hilali Pasha.

The decision was made known when results of deliberations of the Wafdist Party Steering Committee under former Prime Minister Mustapha el Nahas Pasha were announced. — France-Press.

CLEARING ISMAILIA OF VERMIN



Clouds of DDT fog, which spreads into every nook and cranny, are pumped into the streets and buildings of Ismailia, as the British Army start a big drive to clear the vermin. The job was carried out by a Field Hygiene unit of the Royal Army Medical Corps to safeguard the health of British troops stationed in the town. — London Express.

Taft Takes The Lead

Manchester, New Hampshire, Mar. 11.

Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio took the lead over General Dwight D. Eisenhower in scattered small-town returns from today's vital Republican Presidential Primary.

With 19 of 297 precincts reporting in the preferential (popularly) contest, Taft swung into the lead with 520 votes of Eisenhower's 505.

Former Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota had 91 votes and General Douglas MacArthur had 40.

Previously Eisenhower had held a small lead over Taft in scattered reports from the rural areas, where the Ohio Senator had been figured to make his strongest race.

There was no larger-city vote included in the 19 precincts, since counts there would not be completed for several hours. — Associated Press.

PLANS OUTLINED

This swing of the "rebels" and the absence of a few Radicals and Popular Republican Deputies meant that M. Pinay had 31 votes fewer than his investiture figure.

M. Pinay outlined his Government's immediate plan as:

1. Measures to stabilise prices to be taken within a week.

2. A bill to be tabled on Thursday on measures to assure that the State financial commitments are met when due.

3. A new Budget bill to be presented within a week.

4. Vice-Premier Queuille to preside over a Joint Senate and Assembly committee to revise the Constitution.

5. The Senate to discuss and improve the sliding wage scale bill.

6. A committee of experts to study fiscal reform.

M. Pinay said, "The Government will defend the franc and the state."

After he had finished, Communist speakers called for a general debate and blamed the Government for various things, including "worm-eating" and "smuggling in Marselles".

The Gaullist leader, Jacques Soustelle, accused the Communists of desiring to make France a Soviet satellite.

Ten minutes of pandemonium followed. — Reuter.

ELEVEN KILLED IN DISTURBANCES

Capetown, Mar. 11.

Eleven people were killed and 95 were injured in disturbances in the African township of Newclare, near Johannesburg, on Sunday and yesterday, the Minister of Justice, Mr Charles Swart, told Parliament here today.

The disturbances were not yet over, but the police had matters well in hand. — Reuter.

Pinay Wins Vote In Assembly

Paris, Mar. 11.

France's "Save the Franc" Premier, 60-year-old Moderate Conservative Antoine Pinay, tonight won by 293 votes to 101 a virtual vote of confidence in his Cabinet and policy.

Voting was on a Communist motion calling for a debate on the composition and policy of the Government which M. Pinay had explained briefly to the Assembly during a noisy session.

The Speaker, M. Edouard Belin, had to suspend the session for half an hour to restore order after ten minutes of shouting and bench banging.

Only the Communists and one Gaullist voted against the Government. The Gaullists and Socialists had announced they would abstain.

M. Pinay said before the vote that he would regard votes in favour of a debate as votes against his new Government.

He asked for the Communist motion to be rejected "to allow the Government to get ahead with work."

Moderate Conservatives, Radicals and Popular Republican voters voted for M. Pinay, while Socialists and Gaullists abstained.

The 27 Gaullist "rebels" who assured M. Pinay's investiture in various places. Cargo overflowing. Pumping but cargo to remedy. Will advise.

The Mendota, off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, reported that it was battling 60-mph gales and rough seas.

In a message earlier, the Liberian tanker reported that hurricane forces winds had cracked its hull. — United Press.

TANKER IN DISTRESS

Norfolk, Mar. 11.

The 8,004-ton tanker Saxon Star, whipped by hurricane-force winds in the Atlantic, radiated late today that its situation was critical, with its hull cracked and leaking.

The Coast Guard cutter Mendota, racing to the aid of the tanker, relayed a message to Fifth Coast Guard Headquarters here from the Saxon Star shortly after 10 p.m. GMT which said, "The vessel is in critical condition due to a southerly gale. Shipping water in various places. Cargo overflowing. Pumping but cargo to remedy. Will advise."

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America Has New Guided Missile

Washington, Mar. 11.

Rear-Admiral John B. Moss said today that the Navy had developed a guided missile which could seek out and destroy an enemy plane three to four miles away.

He described the weapon at a Congressional sub-committee hearing on machine tool shortages.

The missile, called the Sparrow, was fired in its present form from a plane and "we are working on a ground to air version," he said.

He told of films he had seen of the projectile in action.

"It is not a question of inflicting damage on an enemy plane. There just is not any airplane left after it once hits," he said.

A Senator asked, "You mean our airman will be able to destroy enemy planes they cannot see?"

"That is our ultimate objective," the Admiral replied.

The Committee's chairman asked the Admiral about the possibility of the "enemy" developing similar guided missiles.

"I have heard of the enemy using guided missiles in Korea," Admiral Moss replied.

But he added that he was not familiar with what other nations were doing in missile research.

Later he told a reporter that the missile he had been talking about was "about half way" between the experimental and the mass manufacturing stage.

Admiral Moss is Assistant Chief for Material and Services in the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics. — Reuter.

Police Break Up Meeting

Havana, Mar. 11.

In its first demonstration of force since the new regime took over, the police tonight broke up a meeting of about 20 leaders of the Opposition People's Party in the home of Roberto Agramonte.

Agramonte was the Party's presidential candidate for the June 1 election which General Fulgencio Batista cancelled. Agramonte and all attending the meeting were taken to Secret Police Headquarters for questioning, then released.

Agramonte quoted the police as saying that meetings of more than four people were prohibited under the suspension of constitutional guarantees. — United Press.

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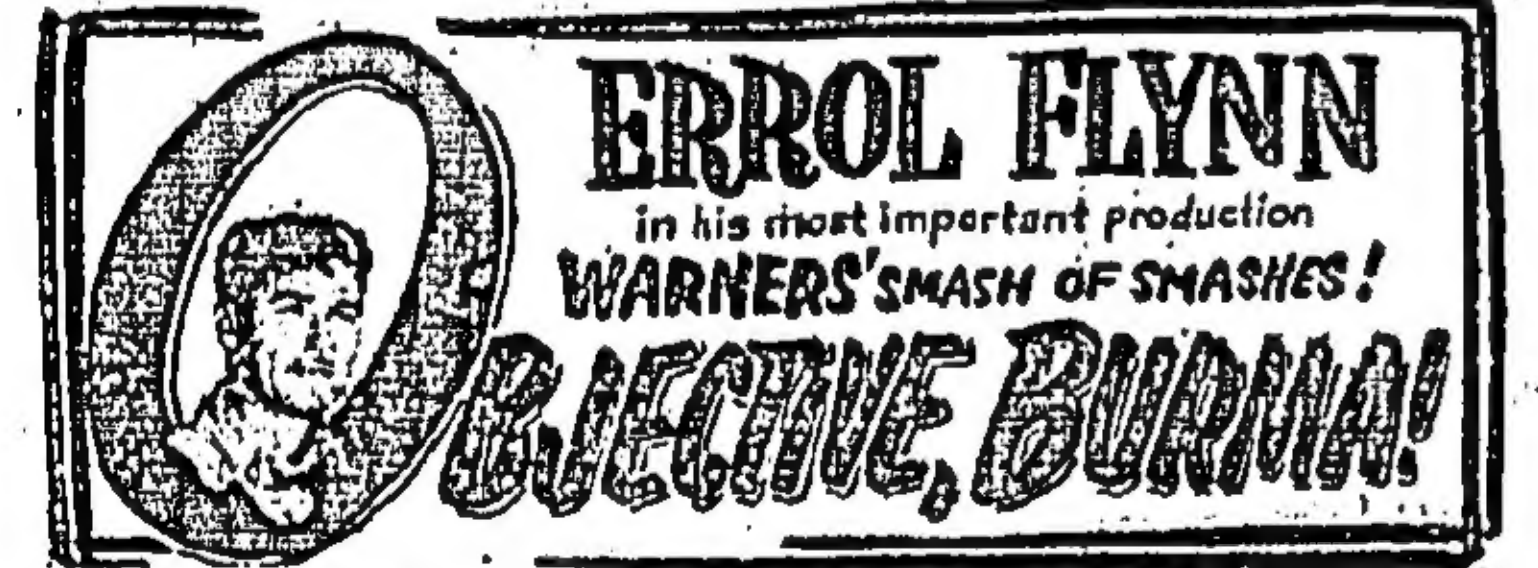
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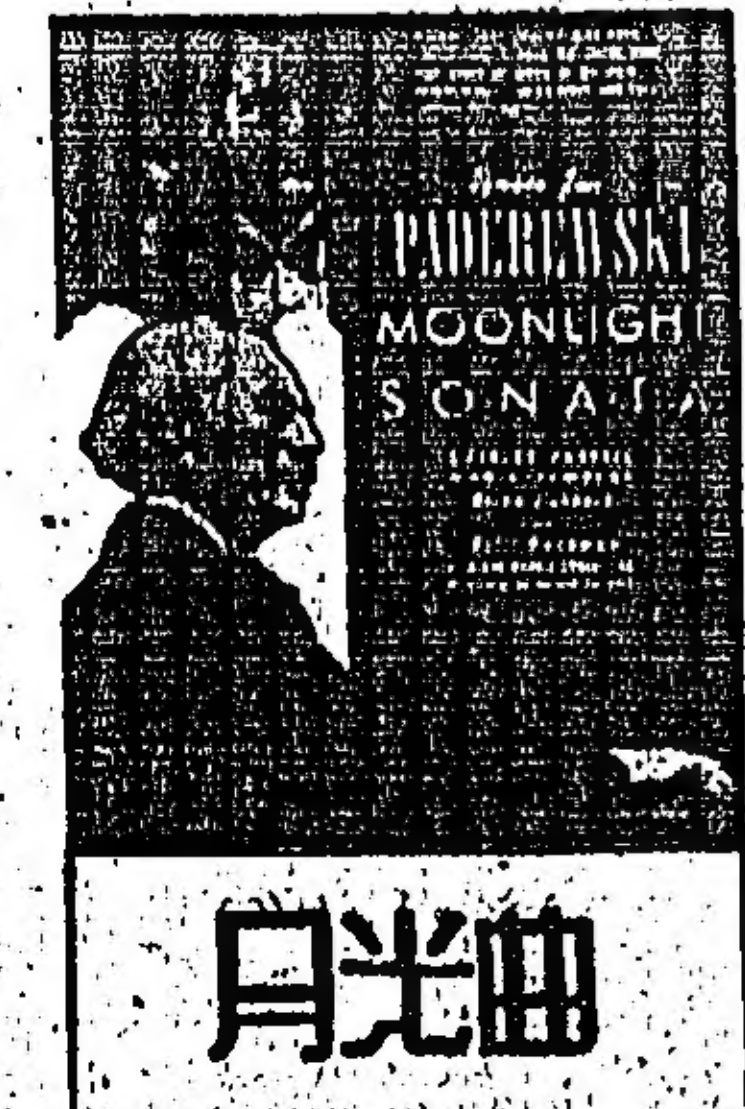
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Israeli Minister Puts Out Feeler To Arab States

London, Mar. 11. The Israeli Foreign Minister, Moshe Sharett, said here today that Israel was eager to reach an agreed settlement with her Arab neighbours.

She was not in the least anxious to "perpetuate her loneliness."

Mr. Sharett, who was addressing a Foreign Press Association luncheon, said the rise of Israel had come as a rude shock to the entire Arab crescent encompassing it. The shock had been aggravated and turned into a mood ofullen refusal to look facts in the face by the failure of the Arab attempt to crush Israel out of existence.

The Arab attitude, Mr. Sharett said, was based on two outdated and irrational notions: 1. That one can indefinitely disregard a solid fact created under one's very nose, and 2. That a country can be strangled by sealing off its land frontiers.

"On both scores the fallacy is prejudicial to the Arab States themselves," he declared. Israel had found alternative sources for the supplies she would have bought from Arab lands, as well as alternative

markets for the goods she might have sold them.

RAPID PROGRESS
The crux of Israel's problem was production. Her balance of trade was staggeringly adverse. But within five years, Mr. Sharett said, it should be possible for Israel to achieve a balanced food economy.

Industry was making rapid progress in scope as well as in structure. Almost £50,000,000 had been invested in industrial development in the last three years.

Return of the Arab refugees to Israel would not serve the lasting interest of peace and stability, Mr. Sharett said. Nor would it advance the prospect of a durable friendship between Israel and her neighbours.

The best that could happen to the refugees would be their resettlement and employment under the plans of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.

On the prospects of an Arab-Israeli peace settlement, Mr. Sharett said the most hopeful omen had been the appearance of reports from Cairo advocating and even foretelling an early start to negotiations.—Reuter.

**PROFESSORS
DISMISSED**
Damascus, Mar. 11. Three Syrian University professors have been dismissed for refusing to take an oath that they would not take part in politics.

They are Professors Abdul Wahab Homad, Rizkalla Ittahi and Munir Ajjam.

The three are noted lecturers on law, former barristers and former Members of Parliament. Professors Homad and Ittahi are leading members of the Populist Party, which ruled Syria before the last coup. A legislative decree banning students from politics came into force last January.—Reuter.

**TROOPER HELD
UP BY FOG**
Liverpool, Mar. 11. The troopship Empire Pride, bringing troops home from the Far East for leave or release, arrived here today, 12 hours late.

The Empire Pride was due to have docked last night but was held up by fog at the Mersey Bar. With daylight today, however, she was able to "creep" to the Liverpool landing stage, where Service authorities had been standing by.—Reuter.

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"Strong Man" Tightens Hold On Cuba Government

Havana, Mar. 11. General Fulgencio Batista tightened his grip on Cuba's Government today but granted a safe conduct for the deposed President to go into exile abroad.

Former President Carlos Prío and several officials of his overthrown Government took asylum in the Mexican and Argentine Embassies.

Haggard, unshaven, and wearing the same zippered leather jacket he had worn when fleeing the Cuban on Monday just ahead of Gen. Batista's Army, the President Prío arrived at the Mexican Embassy at dawn.

Returned to power in an Army coup, General Batista were in the new Cuban which included two women—and sent troops to the last point in the interior where opposition was reported and a likewise consolidated his hold on the island.

The new Government suspended Congress for 45 days. It notified newspapers and radio stations that there would be no interference with fulfillment of their public functions and secured labour that its rights would be guaranteed.

Miguel Angel Campes, now Minister of State, said a safe conduct was granted to Prío and his officials because the Government did not want to hinder their leaving.

"We want no bloodshed and are interested in restoring as soon as possible the normal rhythm of an established Government," he said.

STRENGTHENS HOLD
He added that one of his first acts was to cable the Cuban Embassies abroad to assure the governments in the respective capitals that Cuba observed all national and international commitments and guaranteed security of national and foreign interests and fair and fruitful relations between capital and labour.

A telegraph check of key interior points indicated that General Batista had strengthened his hold on the provincial garrisons. The new Cabinet is as follows:

Presidency—Andrés Morales del Castillo. Public Works—José Mendigúiz. Treasury—Mariano López Blanco. Justice—Miguel Caspeles. Labour—Jesus Portocarrero. Health—Enrique Salasdrigas. State—Miguel Angel Campes. Education—Adolfo Rivero. Agriculture, Communications—Pablo Carrera. Defence—Nicolas Perez Hernandez. Interior—Hamon Hernandez. Ministers without Portfolio—Maria Gomez Carbonell, Julia Elisa Consuegra, Santiago Alvarez, Jose Salas and Leonardo Anaya Marillo.

Gen. Batista retained the Premiership and appointed Dr. Justo Louis del Pozo as Mayor of Havana.—United Press.

**Restrictions On
Trawling**
London, Mar. 11. The Minister of State, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, today discussed Iceland's attitude to the fishing restrictions round her coast with the Icelandic Counsellor, Gunnlaugur Pettersson.

The question arises from the judgement against Britain given by the International Court at The Hague last year supporting Norway's fishing restrictions.

The object of the meeting today is to find out whether the Icelandic Government intends to employ the Norwegian method of defining restricted areas.—Reuter.

**New French
Drive In
Indo-China**
Hanoi, Mar. 11.

Large-scale mopping-up operations have started north-west of Namdinh, with Franco-Vietnamese units, heavily supported by artillery, closing in on the Phurey-Hungyen-Namdinh triangle.

Chief aim of the operations is to destroy Vietminh forces which have recently infiltrated into the triangle.

Reports from one of the first engagements said that Franco-Vietnamese forces encircling a sector lying between the Faux Canal and the Red River fought a major battle with the Vietminh. Casualties were reported near Daohang and Daicu.

The present encircling movement is reported to be nearly completed and normal control has been restored in some villages.

It was pointed out that the new Franco-Vietnamese drive was conducted with heavy artillery support. It was understood here that the support was made possible as a result of recent evacuation of the Hanoi sector by French Union Forces.—France-Press.

**Alleged Spies
Rounded Up**
Pusan, Mar. 11.

The South Korean police today announced the arrest of 11 alleged North Korean spies headed by Russian-educated Sohn Od-hui, who, they say, was engaged in intelligence activities.

Sohn was educated in the Soviet Union at an intelligence school. He entered South Korea with a secret mission to obtain information for the North Korean Communists, the police added.

All the suspects arrested were sent for trial at the Pusan district court today after thorough examination by the police.—France-Press.

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CLASH IN GREECE FEARED

Opposition Object To Appointment

Athens, Mar. 11. King Paul's appointment of the Liberal leader, Sophocles Venizelos, as Acting Prime Minister, replacing ailing General Nicholas Plastiras, may lead to a clash with the Opposition leader, Marshal Papagos, head of the Greek Rally Party.

The appointment was made as General Plastiras, aged 68, who is stricken with cerebral thrombosis, is expected to be bedridden for at least three months.

General Plastiras has been suffering from slight cerebral thrombosis and yesterday he was unable to move his left arm, which was partly paralysed. He had been recovering from an attack of angina pectoris, which he suffered last November.

Today Marshal Papagos bluntly attacked King Paul's appointment of M. Venizelos and threatened to raise the matter in Parliament.

The Greek Rally Opposition claimed that the King's decree was a "Constitutional deviation and contempt of Parliamentary procedure."

SHOULD RESIGN

If General Plastiras was unable to carry on with his duties, then he ought to resign with the Cabinet led by him, the Opposition claimed.

Government quarters, in reply to the Opposition protests, say: "The decree submitted to the King was signed by Premier Plastiras himself and other Cabinet Ministers."

2. The provisional transfer of a Premier's duties was in accordance with an emergency law passed in January 1951.

3. The Royal decree, already published in the Official Gazette, had been vouched for by the Council of State as far as its constitutional correctness.

—Reuter.

Restitution To Be Asked

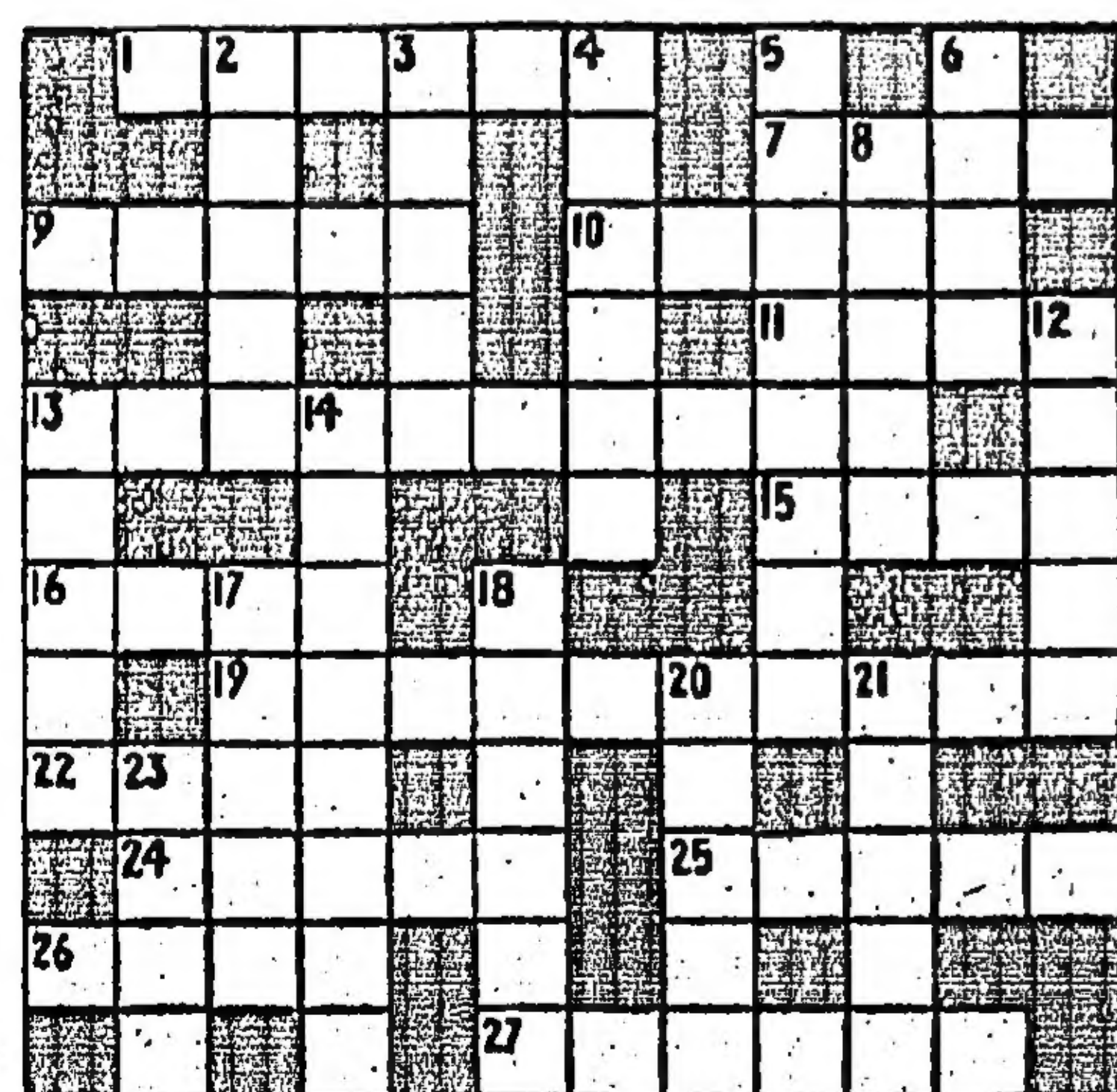
Bonn, Mar. 11. Western Germany intends to ask Egypt to restore the damage caused to three German firms in Cairo during the riots of Jan. 20.

Herr Walter Hallstein, the State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who is in Washington, announced this in a written answer to questions in the Bundestag.

He also announced that the only fact holding up the establishment of a German diplomatic mission in Cairo was Egypt's insistence that West Germany recognise King Farouk as "King of Egypt and the Sudan."

He stated: "We hope the British-Egyptian talks will make such fast progress that a provisional solution becomes unnecessary." —Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Worry (6).
7 Declines (4).
9 Proclamation (5).
10 Kind of thread (5).
11 Crack (4).
13 Limited (10).
16 Prison room (4).
18 Extent (4).
20 Upsets (10).
22 Closed (4).
24 Fruit of the oak (5).
25 Presses (5).
26 Rank (4).
27 Decide (6).

DOWN
2 Wrong (5).
3 Stage player (5).
4 Pick out (6).
5 Heroism (5).
6 Encourage (4).
8 Part of a sword (5).
12 Brings to a stop (5).
13 Harvests (5).
14 Renegades (5).
17 Draw out (5).
19 Makes, repairs (6).
20 Throw out (5).
21 Number of fish (5).
23 Great (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Doctor, 4 Crack, 7 Vainly, 8 Adept, 10 Rest, 12 Boulder, 15 Tender, 16 Era, 17 Even, 19 Opino, 20 Directs, 21 Tort, 23 Sleep, 24 Duffer, 25 Ability, 26 Palled, Down: 1 Diverted, 2 Conister, 3 Ouse, 5 Reclined, 6 Copies, 9 Corps, 11 Tentamen, 12 Booby, 13 Decadent, 14 Restored, 19 Vainly, 22 Puma.

She Has The Right Twist



Whirling her drum-sticks with confident dexterity is Sergeant A. Willis, tenor drummer in the Women's Royal Army Corps (Territorials) Bugle Band of the 583 Mixed Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment at Portsmouth. The band, formed in 1947, is the only one of its kind in the WRAC and the girl musicians, all volunteers, practise eight hours a week. —Reuterphoto.

THEFT SCANDAL IN NAVY YARD

Sacramento, Calif., Mar. 11.

Federal Judge Dal Lemmon today sentenced 17 Mare Island theft defendants and warned that the investigation of pilferings at the navy shipyard may spread to navy personnel in high rank. He gave prison sentences and fines to nine of the men and probation and fines to the others.

Judge Lemmon delivered the sentences with a blistering statement in which he said: "Those in command should have known what is going on. They were either extremely derelict in their duty or, what would still be more censurable, winked at and shut their eyes to what was going on."

"If what has come to me from some of these defendants is to be believed, certain of the navy personnel in high rank engaged in like practices."

"This whole sordid story, as it has been revealed in these prosecutions, should be transmitted to the Secretary of the Navy and the appropriate Committees of Congress."

BEING INVESTIGATED

Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Martin said the Government is looking into actions of high-ranking naval personnel.

"We are pursuing the matter," he said. "It is under investigation and will be presented in due time to the Grand Jury."

London 'Rag' Alarms US Embassy

US Embassy

London, Mar. 11. Someone at the United States Embassy here today rang for the police when a crowd of "demonstrators" stopped outside. An Embassy official said that the crowd was "making a lot of noise and shouting slogans."

Police rushed to the Embassy in fashionable Grosvenor Square and dispersed the "demonstrators." Then it turned out that they were 300 London University students staging a "rag."

One of them said afterwards: "We pinched a tin lion from King's College and were taking it round to the Egyptian Embassy to tell them, 'Now is your chance to twist the lion's tail.'"

"Unfortunately the lorry carrying the lion got stuck in the traffic in Grosvenor Square. Apparently some people round about thought we must be Communists, so we shouted some remarks which might have helped them to believe they were right. Then the police came along and broke us up." —Reuter.

MALIK IN U.S.

New York, Mar. 11.

The permanent Soviet delegate to the United Nations, M. Jacob Malik, arrived in New York today aboard the liner Queen Mary.

M. Malik had attended the General Assembly meeting in Paris and afterwards went to Moscow.

When the liner docked in the early hours, reporters knocked on the door of the Soviet delegate's cabin but he refused all interviews.

After his breakfast he talked informally to the reporters, avoiding all political subjects. —Reuter.

RUSSIAN PROPOSALS ON GERMANY GIVEN A COOL RECEPTION

Suspicion In The West Of Kremlin Motives

London, Mar. 11.

Western diplomats today viewed with suspicious caution Russia's overnight note to France, Britain and America proposing immediate four-Power talks to draft a German peace treaty for discussion by all States concerned at an international conference.

Some observers wondered whether the proposals were merely a manoeuvre to hamper Germany's integration in the Western community of nations.

The Russian proposals were delivered in notes to the three Western envoys in Moscow last night.

With the proposals was a Russian draft for discussions on the treaty and an indication that she was ready to consider possible proposals by the other Powers.

The draft called for Germany to be restored to a single State; the withdrawal of all occupying armed forces within one year of the coming into force of the peace treaty; the accord to Germans of democratic rights, including freedom of speech, press, worship, politics and assembly.

She would be permitted national armed forces for her defence.

Political quarters in Paris thought that many French non-Communist members of Parliament would press the Government to follow up the new Russian proposals.

The Chairman of the French National Assembly's Foreign Affairs Commission, Jacques Bardeux, said: "In my view, it is impossible for the Western powers to reject the Russian proposal. A Western refusal would create difficulties for the Allies with German public opinion."

A PREREQUISITE

The West German Cabinet, presided over by Chancellor Adenauer, discussed the Soviet note in Bonn today.

A Government source said the note did not solve the question of how Germany was to be reunited.

This was a necessary prerequisite to the Soviet purpose, was evidently to create a political vacuum in the centre of Europe, which Russia could easily dominate, the source said.

British officials thought the note was timed to influence the still critical Parliamentary debates in Bonn, which must be held to ratify the European Peace community treaty, which will permit a German contribution to the European Army. —Reuter.

BONN DISCUSSIONS

Bonn, Mar. 11. A communique issued following talks between the Federal German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, and the three Western High Commissioners said: "The Allied High Commissioners and the Federal Chancellor had a preliminary exchange of views on the Soviet note which was published this morning by the news agencies. They agreed to recognize that the new initiative by the Moscow Government should not have any influence on the continuation of their negotiations."

The interview between the three High Commissioners and Chancellor Adenauer was concluded at 8.30 p.m.

The talks are to continue tomorrow. During today's meeting the High Commissioners were accompanied by their financial experts.

FINANCIAL ANGLE

The Federal Finance Minister, Dr Fritz Schaeffer, along with Dr Grewe, Adviser of the Federal Chancellor, and Herr Herbert Blumhardt, Chief of the Political Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, also took part in the talks between the Allies and Dr Adenauer on contractual agreements and on the Soviet note concerning the conclusion of a peace treaty with Germany.

The communique further stated that the Federal Chancellor and the three High Commissioners had examined the progress made by the experts in the negotiations on the contractual agreements.

"They discussed certain points relating to the technical conventions which will be annexed to the general agreement," the communique added.

The communique concluded by saying that the High Commissioners had considered the question of tax and customs duty exemptions which will be enjoyed by the Allied forces stationed in Germany.

Certain points which were not settled today will be discussed again tomorrow. —France-Press.

BERLIN SURPRISE

Berlin Mar. 11. East Berliners hurriedly unfurled flags and slogan-banners to greet the Czech President, Dr Klement Gottwald, who paid a surprise visit here today.

His visit was unexpected alike in East and West Berlin.

West officials and politicians said that the visit might be designed to strengthen the Communist campaign for a speedy peace treaty with a united Germany.

The East German President, Herr Wilhelm Pieck, received Dr Gottwald this morning at the East German "National Front" of all parties spoke of "this event of national and international importance, designed to secure peace and a happy life in all European countries."

President Gottwald was accompanied by his wife and a Czech Government delegation, including M. Vilam Siroky, Czech Deputy Prime Minister, and Foreign Minister, M. Josef Pucik, head of the State Planning Office, M. Emanuel Siecht, Minister for Building Industries, and M. Anton Tenner, a bricklayer who won a State prize.

SUPPORT PROMISED

East Berlin evening newspapers brought out special editions with biographies of President Gottwald and reports of Czechoslovakia's growing economic strength and her cultural life.

The Czech party is expected to remain in Berlin for some days.

Dr Gottwald promised Czech support for a Communist campaign to neutralise Germany.

In the Western sector, the Mayor of West Berlin, Ernst Reuter, rejected the Soviet overture as an attempt to prevent unification of Germany in freedom.

Herr Reuter said the Soviet demand was aimed at preventing a West German contribution to Western defence and unification of Germany in freedom. He said: "The latest Soviet move is an interesting manoeuvre—nothing more. We will believe in the sincerity of the Soviets only after they have changed their attitude and granted real freedom to the Soviet Zone." —Reuter and United Press.

City Alert To Meet Huk Drive

Manila, Mar. 11.

The Mayor of Quezon City, near Manila, has alerted the police force of that city and all leave has been cancelled until after the current Communist Hukbunahap threat has abated.

Rebel Huk elements have been reported to be ready to stage a general uprising on March 20.

Quezon City's anti-Huk alert went into effect last night. Meanwhile, Mr Ramon Magway, the National Defence Secretary, today denied reports that the latest outbreak of Huk "ambushes" was part of the rebels' plan for a bloody celebration of their organisation's anniversary on March 20.

He believed the Huks were being forced to resort to such attacks by the Government's relentless drive against them.

As a precautionary measure, the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, Major-General Carlos Dulque, today alerted all military areas against possible Huk disturbances. —on or before March 20.—Reuter.

Freak Catch

Oslo, Mar. 11. About 50 small whales, ranging in size from 200 lbs to 800 lbs, were driven ashore in a small bay at Kabelvaag, West Norway, by bad weather yesterday. Local fishermen caught and killed them all. —Reuter.

CURFEW IMPOSED IN TUNIS

Tunis, Mar. 11. The French authorities clamped a nightly curfew on the Arab quarter of Tunis today after yesterday's bomb outrage which killed one soldier and injured five others.

An order from the French Resident-General, M. Jean de Hauteclocque, said that the measure was taken in the wake of a long series of terrorist acts which compromised order and public security.

The curfew means that from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. no one will be allowed without a pass in the narrow, crooked streets and bazaars of the Medina section, the gathering place of the Tunisian nationalistic extremists waging the campaign of terrorism and sabotage.

In yesterday's incident a home-made bomb exploded against the back wall of a Police station. It had been hidden behind a water meter.

Some 80 persons have been killed and scores injured in two months of nationalist violence.

The curfew imposed earlier was removed when an uneasy peace returned to Tunis. —United Press.

India Would Fight For Freedom

San Francisco, Mar. 11. India would fight, if need be, in the cause of freedom, her Ambassador to the United States told a Press conference today.

"If there is any conflict, India will fight on the side which she considers to be the right side," said Bhaiji Ranjan Sen. He will deliver an address here on Wednesday and Thursday.

India's armed forces, he said, are not yet organised to fight abroad, thus explaining why India has sent only an ambulance group to the United Nations' effort in Korea.

He also noted continued tension between India and Pakistan.

"We have to preserve peace at home before we go abroad," he said.

But he noted: "It is not a question of neutrality. We shall, if necessary, fight." —Associated Press.

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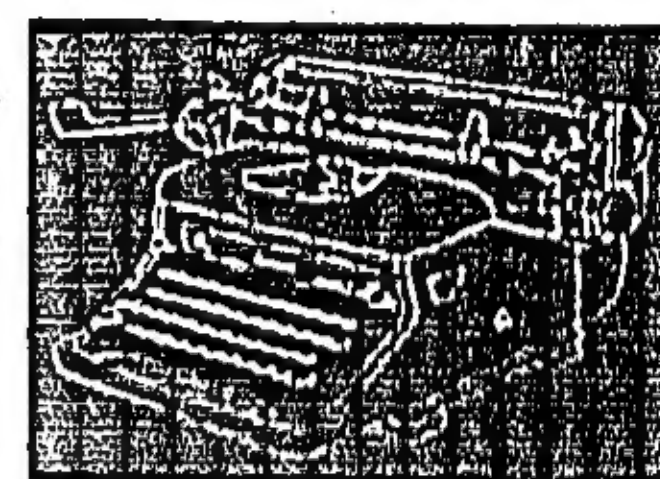
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THE BUDGET MAN AT HOME

By Kenneth Hare-Scott

RAB Butler—everyone calls him Rab, including his wife—possesses much of the solid nature of his Cornish ancestors, the Kennells.

I remember once being led into the dining room at Stanstead Hall, his Essex home, Elizabethan in style—a well-managed farm in fact—and being shown a family portrait of one of the Kennells. "That's one of my Cornish ancestors," said Rab Butler with quiet pride.

If he had not married a Courtauld, he might well have sought to represent a Cornish seat in Parliament. As it happened, he married the only daughter of the late Sam Courtauld, head of a famous Essex family, whose name will long be remembered. Not only was he a great industrialist, but he gave much of his wealth to founding the Courtauld Institute where connoisseurs of painting and art lovers might enrich their knowledge and indulge their appetites in the world's heritage of painting and kindred arts.

"It's rather a tight fit in this little house when the boys come to London. We put up a bed in the study, and sometimes in the drawing room," she says.

The house in Smith Square, Westminster, is charming, obviously lived in and relaxed in. The eggshell blue walls of the drawing room are, as one would expect, adorned with priceless and familiar paintings. The satin-upholstered chairs, sofa, cushions all spell comfort. A portable Vidor wireless rests on a table beside books, an ash tray, a pair of spectacles. The ground floor rooms are oak panelled, and the small library surrounded with reference books, parliamentary reports, and a row or two of novels, French and Italian included.

SCHOLARLY

"I'm sure you prefer the country to London," I remarked, remembering the impressive house and beautiful grounds of Stanstead Hall.

"I really don't know. London has so much to offer—concerts especially. And it is certainly more peaceful. I can spend a whole day here, a peaceful day in my own home. Never does that happen at Stanstead!"

Now about Rab Butler—the man of today. He first entered Parliament in 1929, three years after he was married. The only budget secret I learned in his own home was, "He won't dare to show himself in public after March 11. More than that, he won't and obviously can't tell me."

He is no great smoker and but a moderate drinker, so no clue lies there! In appearance he is scholarly—as indeed he is—of medium height, with a face which is essentially kind.

One who knew him at his preparatory school says, "After all these years I can still remember Rab. Everyone liked him because he was essentially a kind little boy, helpful and understanding without in any way being soft."

Mrs. Sydney Butler is as unusual as her name. Her precise manner has a charm all of its own; her naturally healthy complexion adds no cosmetic aid to the glow of country; her lively conversation, devoid of all frills, covers her favourite subjects, art, farming, music and the Marriage Guidance Council, and her delightful "Do you think we might have some sherry, and two glasses—we both feel a drink would be such a good idea" to her "help" who came in response to a push of the bell. All seemed to fit the wife of a country parson more naturally than the partner of a Chancellor of the Exchequer.

We talked about the family—Richard who recently became engaged, Adam and James, still at Eton, and little Sarah, aged eight.



Richard Austen Butler

Parliament—he bore most of the burden of the India Bill; his Education Act is the root and branch of our present system, and as a 'back room boy' he has done much to put into words the Conservative philosophy and policy of today. People say that he is the brains behind the party.

Like Mr. Churchill, his chief, Rab Butler loves painting and is talented in the use of oils, specialising in landscapes. Farming is another interest, and he has his own farm in Gloucestershire, where he indulges in friendly rivalry with his wife's efforts at Stanstead. The farm

Sitting on the Fence.... by

Nathaniel Gubbins

"Housewives are mystified by the appearance of unrationed H-eggs on the market. It stands for 'Hatching,' indicating they were originally sold for that purpose."—News Item.

"I'd like an egg," the housewife said.

The grocer only shook his head.

The housewife said "Don't pull my leg. I want my egg, my rationed egg."

The grocer said "I have no eggs."

Nor have I time for pulling legs. But I have H-eggs by the score. Higgs and higgs and higgs galore."

The housewife frowned and said "Hill see. You're going to 'ave a game with me. But that's a game that two can play. You 'ave no higgs? Ho K, Ho, K."

"Ho K yourself," the grocer said.

"I'm saying if it strikes me dead. Higgs and higgs I 'ave in kegs. But all the same I 'ave no eggs."

"Hill seems to me," the housewife bawls, "You should be on the music 'alls. I hark for higgs, you 'ave no higgs. But you 'ave eggs, and eggs in kegs."

"I'm telling you," the grocer begs, "Without a lie or pulling legs. Though you can stuff yourself with higgs. I 'ave no flippin' eggs in kegs."

The housewife said "You mean you got, what? Higgs? Hi only harked for one small higgs." "Ho go to 'ell," the grocer said.

Nerve war

"When the defensive guided missile has thus beaten the offensive bomber, it will still have an even more formidable foe to conquer—the offensive 'H-egg' guided missile. Lieut-General H. G. Martin, discussing the Army's new weapons."

PUT in another way, it means that one day the sky may be filled with defensive guided missiles chasing offensive guided missiles.

With so many swords of Damocles hanging over the heads of our people, it is not surprising that some of them are showing signs of irritation.

Bigadier Mackenzie, Conservative Whip, ruffled Mr. Herbert Morrison's quiff, after announcing a Government majority on a vote of censure.

There was also the case of Mr. John Kirkby, a bearded 80-year-old pensioner, who, for 50 years, had remained unmarried when one called "Beaver" and "Bag" after him in the street.

Then, one day last week, a group of painters outside the British Museum called "Bag" at Mr. Kirkby.

Irritated, no doubt, by the shape of things to come, Mr. Kirkby lashed out with his stick.

and broke the nose of the foreman, who hadn't opened his mouth.

ON top of all this, we have Sir Peter Bennett, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, saying, "The coming Budget will hurt us all more than anything has hurt so far."

That is to say, all but two of us—myself and somebody (we will call him Mr. X) who has published the following appeal in The Times personal column:

"Jokes, anecdotes for all occasions required. A prolific source would be welcomed and remunerated."

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Mr. X and I are going to laugh our way through the Budget, higher taxes, shorter rations, and gloomy talk about offensive and defensive missiles.

If he is willing to pay, we shall have a weekly lunch together, and I shall start on him straight away over the first cocktail.

"Mary Rose sat on a pin," I shall say, winking to warn him a joke is coming.

"What happened then?" Mr. X will ask eagerly.

"Mary Rose," I shall say, throwing the gag away with perfect timing.

Before he has wiped the tears from his eyes I shall ask, "Why did the sausage roll, Mr. X?"

"You'll be the death of me, Mr. Gubbins," he will say. "Why?"

"Because it saw the apple turnover."

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If he won't buy another cocktail after that, we shall go straight into lunch. While he is spluttering into his soup I shall whip in the next one.

"Why are you never hungry in the desert, Mr. X?"

"Never hungry in the desert?" he will repeat, trying to work it out.

"Because of the sandwiches there."

"But there are no sandwiches in the desert," he will say foolishly.

"Sandwich-is-there," I shall reply. "Wake up, Mr. X."

He will probably sulk for a bit, but at the end of the lunch, when we are choosing a sweet, I shall ask, with that dead-pan face all the best comedians use for the pay-off line:

"May I press you to a jelly, Mr. X?"

If Mr. X doesn't sign me up at once on a long-term contract, I am open to offers from the director of the BBC's Light Programme.

(—London Express Service)

CYRIL RAY TRANSLATES A PIECE FROM PRAVDA

HITTING OUT AT THE BUREAUCRATS

SOME of the liveliest and most pointed criticism of men and manners, here is to be found in such important newspapers as Pravda, organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, in what are still called *feuilletons*. Names are named; abuses are exposed; and the future of the official named in a *feuilleton* is not one to be envied.

Here is one such recent piece from Pravda, only slightly condensed. The names are real names:

A FEEDING TROUGH.
By I. RYANOV.
There are beaten tracks to bureaucratic brilliance and greatness. The administrator with a weakness for it furnishes his study in the style of some Louis or other, places a massive cast-iron inkstand on his desk, depicting wrestlers preparing for a bout, and hangs notices round the walls enjoining visitors: "Don't come in without an appointment." "When you've finished your business, go."

He has infinite patience. His record within his own party is illuminating. He has guided intricate legislation through

on instilling in the people who meet him the impression that Ozerov is a personage, the range of whose activities is not to be measured by the common rule, and whose mind is not for the ordinary mortal to understand.

If Ozerov had acquired the modesty proper to a Bolshevik, and if he looked on his work soberly and sensibly, he would have spoken frankly to the Minister.

He would have said, "Comrade Fomin, our institution ought to be liquidated."

"Why?"

"Because it is superfluous to the Ministry's organisation."

"I don't understand."

"Let me explain. Five years ago, when our trust was set up, it consisted of three enterprises, in Moscow, Odessa, and Novosibirsk. Now we have no enterprises at all. As you know, they've been transferred to the chief production administration of the Ministry."

"Yes, of course. I remember. Such a reshuffle did take place."

"Well, after that reorganisation we only had two units left—in Moscow. A machinery base and a store office. Is it worth while to have a whole trust to look after those? Of course not; we're superfluous. The trust's work could be done by the Ministry itself."

But all this seemed old stuff to V.M. Ozerov, who is making his own contribution to bureaucratic techniques. He is bent

on instilling in the people who meet him the impression that Ozerov is a personage, the range of whose activities is not to be measured by the common rule, and whose mind is not for the ordinary mortal to understand.

Such a conversation could have taken place in the Ministry of Building and Road-machine Construction—but the head of its marketing trust didn't talk that way. V.M. Ozerov acted quite differently. He gave his unnecessary job the outward and visible signs of a monumental edifice. The word "trust" has a proud ring, and this one has offices at the Solitskaya Quay in Moscow (the middle of the city, opposite the Kremlin). In these rooms dozens of people play at being heads of departments, engineers, technicians, secretaries and stenographers. Meetings and conferences are held, speeches made, orders given.

The head of the trust is particularly busy, because it isn't easy to tie and untie knots and mill the wind. But Ozerov manages all right; he makes a living, and provides others with a living. The reorganisation referred to had no effect on the personnel of the trust. The old establishment has been preserved, as well as the production and technical departments—though the trust produces nothing.

With Ozerov's firm hand at the tiller, the trust, like the

Flying Dutchman, advances under full sail, without attracting the attention of the Ministry of State Control. Early this year a storm did blow up; a reduction in staff was ordered. But the captain of the ship met the elements bravely, and gave the order to understand that he was above the normal law of nature.

For three years Olga Borodkina was in charge of the files. That post was abolished, but Olga stayed on, and even gained by the staff reduction: the head of the trust promoted her to the rank of construction engineer in the machinery base. T. D. Khokhlov was paid as an engineer for a year, although he was actually a storekeeper. But he made no stock returns because, as he so impressively said, "I'm not a storekeeper; the head of the trust has made me an engineer, by order."

The Reutovsk spinning factory needed an excavator, and applied to the trust. I. E. Levin, head of the machinery base, fixed his own price for the loan of the machine. A. A. Khokhlov also lends machines belonging to the trust, drawing up to four thousand roubles a month, rent for the amount or quality of the work done. And, go as to fool the inspectors, part of the money is booked to the name of Ivanov, entered in the books as "second tractor driver."

Ivanov actually knows nothing about tractors, but he is the son-in-law of the all-powerful Levin. And the all-powerful Levin, in his turn, is very dear to the dazzling Ozerov.

Hence their success.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Arguing Won't Help Improve Your Game

By OSWALD JACOBY

BRIDGE players are a won-derful lot. They can argue long and bitterly about things that make no difference, ignoring the important facts. This, of course, makes them very different from other human beings.

In today's hand, West opened the ten of diamonds and South won with the jack. He returned the king of hearts to West's ace, and this time West thought of leading a club. He led the ace of clubs, and then the queen of hearts, and then drew West's last trump by leading a low trump to dummy's ten. He then led the spade five, losing to West's queen. West returned another low club, encouragingly enough, and dummy ruffed with the jack. South now had to give up a ruff to the ace, whereupon West led the king of clubs. South pointed out, accusingly, that at his partner's hand he had a card to four hearts, he would, North denied the charge, and the argument was completely

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point is. If North had bid only three hearts South might have bid three no-trump. But then North would have gone back to four hearts anyway. (Or it should have been four hearts, not three hearts, and three no-trump was not.) The important fact was that South should have known four hearts instead of arguing about the bidding. He made his mistake when he drew three no-trump. Correct play is to knock out the ace of hearts, win the club return, and then lead a low trump to dummy's ten. The spade five is taken while dummy still has two trumps. If West takes the queen of spades and returns a club, dummy can ruff with the jack, and then lead a low trump to dummy's ten. West still has a trump to lead, and South can draw the last trump.

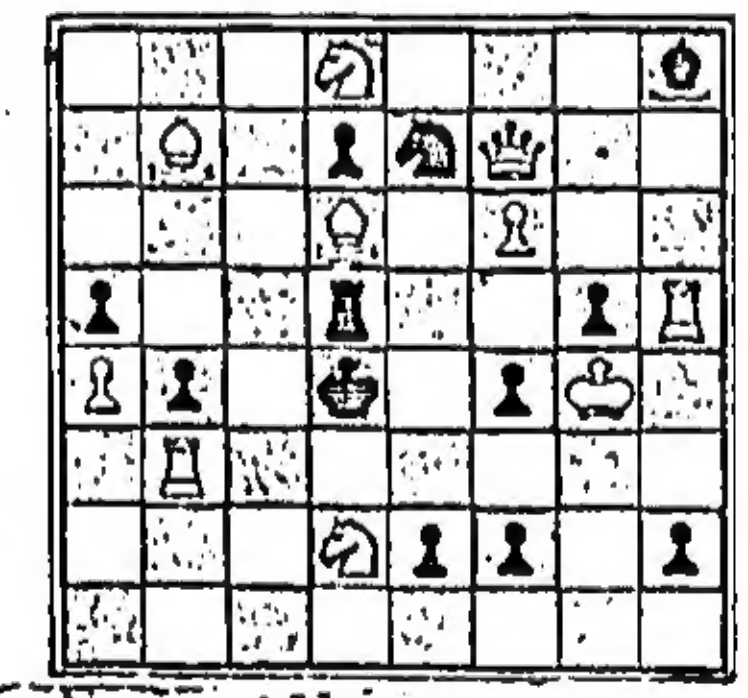
2-4 CARD GAME

Q—The bidding has been North: East South West
1 Heart 1 Spade 1 Spade Pass
2 Heart Pass
You South hold: Spades K-J-9-8-7, Hearts K-Q, Diamonds 10-9-8-7, Clubs A-2. What do you do?
A—Bid four hearts. You can just about accept the invitation to game. Your partner should have strong six-card (or longer) suit for his jump bid, so your guarded king constitutes adequate trump support. There is no need to confuse the picture with a rebid in spades.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You South hold: Spades K-Q-9-8-7, Hearts K-Q, Diamonds Q-9-8-7, Clubs K-Q. What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By V. ESCOIN
Black, 12 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Kt x P (B3), any; 2. Q, B (dis ch or dbl ch), or Kt (dis ch) mates.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

INTERPRETERS
By T. O. HARE

"What a conference!" writes a friend who is one of those international busybodies. "There are six official languages (in addition to English): French, German, Spanish, Dutch, Polish and Welsh. And someone who has a perverted sense of humour has engaged six interpreters. The languages are likewise French, German, Spanish and so on. Each of these six interpreters can speak two of the six languages, and each language is spoken by two of them. None speaks the language which corresponds to his own name. Here, thought, I, is material for a test. Find that Mr. French and Mr. Dutch account between them for the four languages of which neither is the namesake. Of the two languages spoken by Mr. Dutch, both the namesake speaks French. Mr. Spanish speaks Dutch and German, one of his colleagues speaks Dutch and Polish; none of the interpreters speaks both Polish and German."

What two languages does Mr. Polish speak?
(Solution on Page 10)

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

I THOUGHT that a giraffe in a bus was a sight I should never see until the blue monster roared on the Fovus of Saint Glinglin (celebrated in Marve-Jois), until last year's leaves were on next year's trees, and the water of the Durance ran uphill, and Paddy Riley came back to Ballyjamesduff.

But in my paper there is a picture of this very thing. The beast has its head and neck stuck through a window of the bus, and I will warrant that even this most frantic animal-lover did not offer it a seat. And if there was a passenger present to say that the giraffe was not really there, the people who were trying to pass down the car must have had a merry answer ready for him.

Suet cleans up a muddle
In a supplement Traffic Schedule, C. Suet, Esq., deals with the Look Left-Look Right sign of crossings. Suet says: "The crux of the matter is which way you are facing. If, by facing backwards towards the oncoming traffic, you are on the right of the road, you lead yourself facing the traffic flow. At the other direction, you must lead left as light, and vice versa, before looking the reverse way. If, instead of your hand, you have the left of the road, and are looking to the left, that is at the off-going traffic, you must treat right as left, and look in the opposite direction to that indicated, unless you are preparing to remain on your own side of the road, without attempting to cross, unless it is a one-way street, in which case there is no point in facing the wrong way before crossing, as no traffic will be coming from the opposite direction to that indicated."

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12
BORN today, you are one of those talented, all-around prodigies. You decide to do something and then just go ahead and do it without any fuss or feather. When that job is done, you progress to the next and then there is no more to it. You have reached pleasant and comfortable success. Of course, the stars have been generous in endowing you with talents. But you seem to know how to make the best use of them. You do not have a distinct talent for business and will be bored to death unless your work involves an interesting idea. You are born an innovator and have the courage to introduce new methods to face the resulting opposition, and to fight a successful completion. Select a trusted friend to attend to financial details and you'll make money, too! You may have learned a lesson in early youth: that the unscrupulous

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CROSSWORD



Across
1. Not a rice mixture. (8)
2. This does not furnish inside information. (8)
10. Machine that almost produces a soap and water mixture. (7)
11. In in East for redistribution. (7)
12. Hinted by the word. (7)
13. That when put to the south-east. (8)
14. Pity it's extinct: it had double action. (4)
15. It may be a coral one. (4)
16. Sheds light on evidence by camera? (4)
17. Record-keeping device. (4)
18. Mother in the ocean? (4)
19. Recalled without a cry. (4)
Down
1. Is the recent made here? (7)
2. About letting you free? (7)
3. Any graduate must have been. (7)
4. Out of the lion's den. (8)
5. What for it is. (8)
6. It provides the inner edge. (8-9)
7. Put a guide before the reverse of. (8)
8. Across. (8)
9. Distained initials. (5)
10. Often to go away. (5)

Cheek Your Knowledge

1. What is the native of Indiana called?
2. Where is Peloponnesus?
3. Misanthropy is (a) a person who thinks himself ill (b) bachelor (c) hater of women (d) one who dislikes mankind?
4. What do you understand by "atomic weight"?
5. What bird is also known as philomel?

(Answers on Page 10)

BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

TONS of dirt circulate in the air of big cities. And think of the gossip lovers who enjoy letting it go into their ears.

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WOMANSENSE

Very Parisian



This little girl gives her doll a lesson in hair care. Pin curls won't make lovely waves unless they're put up properly.

A LESSON IN PIN CURLS

By HELEN FOLLETT

PIN curls! Everybody's making them! Little twelve-year-old sister has just learned how, her grannie, who'd have her locks pretty, is making curls, too. Some come out gorgeous undulations and ringlets; some come out frizz and that is terrible! One must follow the right method, however the know-how. Even operators in beauty shops are not always successful and the customer who combs her hair the next day is as mad as a wet hen.

Size of Curl
The size of the curl, of course, is determined by the thickness of the strand. If the hair is coarse, take a generous lock; coarse hair curls better than fine silky threads. With one hand, pick up a strand. Over the finger of the other hand that you hold at the scalp, wind the hair, bobbing smoothly, to its very ends. See that the ends are tucked in. If they're not tucked in you will have funny little sprouts next day.

How do you anchor these hirsute circles? Not hit and miss, we hope, and don't snag them! Little twelve-year-old sister has just learned how, her grannie, who'd have her locks pretty, is making curls, too. Some come out gorgeous undulations and ringlets; some come out frizz and that is terrible! One must follow the right method, however the know-how. Even operators in beauty shops are not always successful and the customer who combs her hair the next day is as mad as a wet hen.

With A Nylon Net
If the hair is short and thin, you may find it better to slip on a nylon net. The tiny rubber cord will hold it in place, although you'll have to pin it down at the back and behind your ears to make sure. When your hair is thoroughly dry, comb each curl out separately, then send the comb through all of them and give yourself a brush curl.

SPRING NOTES

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Sweater girls
SWEATER dollar millionaires in America attribute part of their success to Jim star Lana Turner.

In 1937 their sales were 15,830,000 sweaters. Then Lana was billed as the "Sweater Girl" and sales have climbed ever since.

1950 figure was 47,880,000.

Splash
NEWS of curious colour combinations for the spring comes from New York. A scarlet hat and scarf is worn with an all-pink suit. Aquamarine is worn with bright green. A dress material is patterned in pink on an orange ground.

(London Express Service)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Better Friends Than Enemies!

—That's What a Dog, a Cat and a Mouse Found Out—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were sitting with their friend Ting-a-Ling in his garden. It was a delightful sunny afternoon. The bees hummed the birds sang, the flowers nodded their heads. "Isn't it wonderful," Hanid said presently, "that we are all such good friends—you, Ting-a-Ling, and Knarf, and I."

"We're the best friends in the world," said Knarf.

"And there is no reason why we should not always remain so," said Ting-a-Ling. "Which reminds me of the story of the three enemies who lived in one house."

This sounded like a curious story and Knarf and Hanid told Ting-a-Ling they were eager to hear it.

Hated Each Other
"The dog hated the cat and had no use whatever for the mouse. The cat hated the dog and thought of the mouse only as something to catch and eat. As for the mouse, she considered the dog a big, noisy bully who rushed around knocking things over. And she hated and feared the cat and would have given anything to get rid of her."

"And so," Ting-a-Ling said, "these three enemies, instead of living contentedly together as they could easily have done, spent their days and their nights barking and scratching and squeaking at one another. The dog chased the cat and the mouse. The cat chased the dog and the mouse. The mouse watched both the cat and the dog, and made of friends."

"While the dog bit, the cat scratched and the mouse nipped. And the bear ran at the dog and chased after the mouse. The mouse watched both the cat and the dog, and made of friends."

"Did that work?" asked Knarf.

Ting-a-Ling nodded. "Yes," he said.

"Now the bark is dry and it's vanished."

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Saturday 22nd, Wednesday 26th & Saturday, 29th March, 1952.

(Held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The First Ball will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon, each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are twelve races each day (30 in all). Through Tickets at \$72.00 each may be obtained at the Comptroller's Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone House, also ticket at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting on 29th March as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 31st May, 1952.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 21st March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5, D'Almeida Street, Hong Kong

or

332, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once investors have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WHICH ARE BEING ISSUED FOR THE 1952 RACING SEASON ARE NOT VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1952. 1951 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Office, the Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in the Members' Betting Hall and at the adjacent boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and others are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order

H. MISA

Secretary

HONGKONG'S ATHLETES BEST IN SOUTHEAST ASIA FOR DITCH-LEAPING

By "RECORDER"

The new Philippines athletic season has not been noteworthy yet for outstanding performances and Hongkong leads quite easily over the first three months of the year, except in the women's events.

Hongkong's best performances against the rest of Southeast Asia over the past 12 months have been in the Long Jump, where the Colony's athletes swamp the ranking lists in both the men's and women's section, testifying to the fact that we are, quite certainly, the best ditch-leapers in this part of the world.

The Filipino girls, having their first real post-war season in athletics—there have been no Championships for them since the war and there will be one this year—are beginning to outclass what talent we have, except in the Long Jump.

Inocencia Solis of Iloilo heads the 100 Metres list with a fine performance of 12.4 seconds, which is near Olympic semi-finalist class, and 13-year-old Patrocinia Credo of Negros Oriental has a mark of 13.1 seconds.

A team of Taiwan athletes are at present in Manila for a series of dual meets before competing in the Philippines National Championships. Among them is Chen Ying-ling, who competed in the last Olympic Games and has a best mark for the past year of 51 seconds for the 400 Metres. Chen Cheng-chi is not far behind with 51.8. Another outstanding high hurdler Wang Lun-chang, who has a best mark of 15.2 seconds.

Best athletic performances in Southeast Asia for the past 12 months (which include performances by Hongkong athletes in April, May and June last year as well as the current season) are:

100 YARDS
Siddique Merican (Klangan) 10.0
Tan Eng-yoon (Singapore) 10.1
Chong Koon-how (Singapore) 10.2
R. Madhavan (Perak) 10.2
Stephen Xavier (Hongkong) 10.2
A. Nunes (Singapore) 10.3
Norman Lee (Hongkong) 10.4
J. A. Stephens (Borneo) 10.4
Mok Yuen-kam (Singapore) 10.4
Cheung Yai-hung (Hongkong) 10.4
L. C. P. Daniels (Hongkong) 10.4

100 METRES
Stephen Xavier (Hongkong) 10.9
Jackson Lee (Hongkong) 11.0
Cheung Yai-hung (Hongkong) 11.0
Jose Diuco (Manila) 11.0
Wong Man-wan (Hongkong) 11.1
Edie Laureto (Hongkong) 11.2
Magdalena Galay (Manila) 11.2
L. C. P. Daniels (Hongkong) 11.3
C. N. N. (Pangasinan) 11.3
A. A. Alpini (Hongkong) 11.4
Fung Kai-lee (Hongkong) 11.4

200 METRES
Stephen Xavier (Hongkong) 22.5
Jackson Lee (Hongkong) 22.7
Tan Eng-yoon (Singapore) 22.7
Sgt. Hamrah (Hongkong) 22.8
Siddique Merican (Klangan) 22.8
Sgt. Martindale (Johore) 22.8
R. J. B. Roach (Hongkong) 22.9
A. A. Alpini (Hongkong) 23.0
Wong Man-wan (Hongkong) 23.0
Shek Kai-lin (Hongkong) 23.0
Arnaldo Alvarez (Pangasinan) 23.0

400 METRES
Ciclus Gomez (Perak) 50.7
Jackson Lee (Hongkong) 51.0
M. Parry (Singapore) 51.0
C. Balakrishnan (Singapore) 51.7
Siddique Merican (Klangan) 51.8
Norman Lee (Hongkong) 52.7
Ng Yuen-fok (Hongkong) 52.8
T. E. H. (Hongkong) 52.8
Weng-shue Mendoza (Manila) 52.9
P. I. Sivagatham (Singapore) 53.4

800 METRES
Cecil Lee (Singapore) 2:00.3
H. Anderson (Hongkong) 2:01.3
A. Butterworth (Hongkong) 2:03.3
A. Panjatanam (Singapore) 2:03.3
K. Raman (Singapore) 2:03.4
J. P. MacMahon (Hongkong) 2:03.7
W. Greenhall (Penang) 2:06.3
D. W. (Hongkong) 2:07.5
S. (Sembilan) 2:08.5

1,500 METRES
J. Stevenson (Hongkong) 4:28.0
Norman Lee (Hongkong) 4:29.0
C. Occidental (Negros) 4:31.0
J. P. MacMahon (Hongkong) 4:32.4
S. L. (Manila) 4:34.4
Lopez (Manila) 4:35.2
Loe Shi-chung (Hongkong) 4:38.4
Joachim Luallat (Batangas) 4:40.0
R. Rivera (Pangasinan) 4:43.5

ONE MILE
J. P. MacMahon (Hongkong) 4:38.8
L. E. (Hongkong) 4:41.0
Cecil Lee (Singapore) 4:42.8
Frank Taylor (Hongkong) 4:44.3
S. (Sembilan) 4:44.8
D. Krishnakutty (Mal) 4:45.3
G. McCord (Hongkong) 4:45.5
G. Lee (Hongkong) 4:45.8
Ng Shi-chung (Hongkong) 4:47.0

HIGH HURDLES
Ng Liang-chung (Singapore) 15.2
Wang Lun-chang (Taiwan) 15.2

NOTICE

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB

COLONY LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Semi-Finals and Finals will be played, weather permitting, on the following days:

SINGLES: Wednesday—12th March First Half Semi-Final:

Ip Koon Hung vs. Tsui Wai Pul.

Friday—14th March Second Half Semi-Final:

Cheung Chow vs. K. C. Dao.

Thursday—20th March Final:

DOUBLES: Thursday—13th March First Half Semi-Final:

Norman & Dorland Lo vs. Tsui Wai Pul/Tsui Yuen Pul.

Monday—17th March Second Half Semi-Final:

Ip Koon Hung/Edwin Tsui vs. Leo Wai Tong/K. C. Dao.

Friday—21st March Final:

Play will commence at 4.30 p.m. sharp each day.

A charge of \$5.00 for a seat will be made for the Semi-Finals and Finals. Limited standing space will be charged at \$2.00 per person.

Prizes will be presented on Friday, 21st March, 1952, at the conclusion of the Doubles Final.

Proceeds will be distributed among various charities.

LUTON TOWN v. SWINDON



Stretton, the Luton goalkeeper, punches clear from Owen, Swindon centre-forward, while Hall, the Luton centre-half (No. 5), runs round to cover the goal. Luton Town won the fifth round Cup tie 3-0, but were eliminated 3-2 by Arsenal in the next round.

COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

By "ARGONAUT"

The mother and son Junior Mixed Doubles combination of Mrs W. K. Tso and K. Y. Tso provided the highlight of the evening at the continuation of the Colony Schoolboys' and Junior Badminton Championships at Talkoo yesterday.

In the only game that went to the full distance of three sets, the Tsos' superiority in net-play and more accurate side-line smashes earned them a narrow victory by 15-9, 13-18 and 15-8.

After losing the first set, the losers, H. J. Xavier and Miss Teresa Remedios, led 6-2 and 13-6 in the second. The Tsos rallied strongly to catch up to 13-13, but had to concede the next three points to their opponents.

A close struggle ensued in the third set until 8-8 when young Tso made a successful change of tactics to forge ahead to 11-8, 13-8 and 15-8.

Cleverly drawing his opponent to the half-court, his follow-up side-line smashes earned him repeated points.

The match looked forward to match between another two of the Colony's most promising youngsters, Wong Kai-cheng and D. T. Rocha was a great disappointment.

After taking an initial lead of 4-0, and putting up his usual game in the early stages, Wong gradually fell off and made feeble attempts at evidently easy shots.

It appeared that the fact that he would have to play two matches on the same night on Friday had he won this match, was the main factor in this listless display.

SCHOOLBOYS' BEST
The Schoolboys' games provided one of the best singles matches yet seen when Peter Lim of Pui San School eliminated Wong Shiu-kwong by 15-6 and 15-10.

Although the game lasted only two sets, a very high standard of schoolboys' singles was seen.

Son of the veteran Colony player Patrick Wong, young Wong showed a good idea of the fine points of the game, but was too heavily handicapped in size and force of strokes.

High long services and lots were displayed by both players, with Wong repeatedly putting across excellent drop shots from the back. Lim's heavier build and stronger smashes did backhand, however, stood him in good stead.

The top-seeded Men's Junior Doubles pair of L. H. Tan and S. T. Hooi of University were given two hard-fought sets by J. C. Koh and C. A. Remedios despite the score of 15-8 and 15-11.

It was high-speed badminton all the way with the losers striking their best patch in the second set when they actually led by 10-3. Remedios in particular was in brilliant form at this stage.

GAME AWARDED TO ST. JOSEPH'S

At an emergency meeting of the Football Committee of the Hongkong School Sports Association held yesterday with Mr C. McEwen in the Chair, it was decided that in view of the failure of La Salle College to field a team for their semi-final Challenge Cup soccer match against St. Joseph's, which was originally fixed to be played on Sunday, that the game be awarded to St. Joseph's.

St. Joseph's will now meet Wah Yan College A.M. in the final at the Club ground on Sunday.

Billiards & Snooker Championship

In Colony Billiards Championship matches played last night, A.M. Ozorio, best Y.L. Chan 500-470; C. C. Lam, best T.O. Huang 500-273; K. C. Hoo, best F. P. de Silva 500-484.

A. P. Pereira beat T. E. Rodriguez 3-1 in the Colony Snooker Championship.

K.H. IP PLAYS TSUI YUN-PUI TODAY

Defending Colony Grass-court Champion Ip Koon-hung meets his old rival, Tsui Yun-pui, yet once more when the semi-finals of the Colony Singles Championship for the 1951-52 season open at the Cricket Club centre court this afternoon at 4.30.

The other singles semi-final between Cheung Chow and K. C. Dao will be played on Friday, March 14.

The Doubles semi-finals have been scheduled for tomorrow and Monday, March 21.

The match between Ip and Tsui this afternoon will comparatively be the more interesting of the two singles semi-finals.

In the absence of Edwin Tsui who conceded a walkover to Cheung Chow in the quarter-final, Dao will have a relatively easy passage into the final.

In his last few recent appearances, Ip has not been showing the same form as he showed against Ham Richardson immediately after his return from Wimbledon.

This will be Tsui's best opportunity of avenging his defeat by Ip in their previous meetings. Tsui will still probably be on the losing end, but his pluck and grand fighting spirit will make today's semi-final worth watching.

THE PROGRAMME

SINGLES

Today

Ip Koon-hung v Tsui Wai-pui

Friday, March 14

Cheung Chow v K.C. Dao.

Thursday, March 20

Singles Final

DOUBLES

Tomorrow

Norman Lo & Donald Lo v

Tsui Wai-pui & Tsui Yun-pui

Monday, March 17

Ip Koon-hung & Edwin Tsui

v Lee Wai-tong & K.C. Dao.

Friday, March 21

Doubles Final

All-Time N.Y. Yankee Team

Selected

St. Petersburg, Florida,

Mar. 11.

Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio and Bill Dickey were unanimously voted to the all-time New York Yankee team today by 48 New York writers who were covering baseball back in 1930.

The 1927 club that won the American League pennant by 10 games and annihilated Pittsburgh in four straight World Series Games, was voted the best Yankee team by a big margin with 45 votes. Two went to the 1923 club and one to the 1928 team.

Results of the balloting were announced as the club headed into its 30th season. A dinner on Wednesday night at Tampa will commemorate the date the Yankees were voted into the American League, March 12, 1903.

Lo Gehrig almost joined Ruth, DiMaggio and Dickey, all unanimous choices. However, two votes went to Hal Chase, a 1905-14 Yankee, for the first base spot. Gehrig got the other 46 ballots.

THE TEAM

Here's the team, including relief pitcher and utility felder: Right-handed pitcher—Ed Ruffing (1930-40).

Left-handed Pitcher (115)—Herb Pennock (1923-33) and Lefty Gomez (1930-40).

Catcher—Bill Dickey (1928-40). First Base—Lou Gehrig (1923-39).

Second Base—Olon Lazzari (1926-37). Shortstop—Phil Rizuto (1941).

Third Base—"Red" Rolfe (1931-42).

Outfielders—Babe Ruth (1920-34), Joe DiMaggio (1939-51), Eob Meusel (1920-29).

Utility—Infielder—Frank Crosetti (1932-48). Pitcher—Johnny Murphy (1932-49)—Associated Press.

TODAY'S SPORT

TENNIS

Colony Open Championships at Cricket Club Centre Court at 4.30 p.m. commencing 6 p.m.

Court 1—Haines v Deighton; Court 2—Richard v Cook; Court 3—Jenall & Hooton v Wilkinson & Day;

Court 4—Furter & Zulus v Bealey & Grant; Court 5—Anderson & Johnson v Chubb & Lenny; Court 6—Goldman & Mrs Kite v Mr & Mrs Armstrong.

BADMINTON

Colony Open Championships at Talkoo, commencing 6.30 p.m.

BILLIARDS

Colony Open Championships at 8 p.m. v. 9.30 p.m. (Chin); C.L. Chu v Joseph Connor; C.L. Chu v J.B. Madina (1950).

BOWLING

He said he was "bowling out" of serious tennis. He is 40—Reuter.

SIR KEN WINS CHAMPION HURDLES RACE



Noholme (No. 24), B. Marshall up, was first over the final hurdle in the Champion Hurdle Race at Cheltenham on March 4, but the race was won by Sir Ken (No. 19), T. Moloney up, during the United Hunt's Meeting. — Central Press Photo.

THOUGH HE COULD WEAR CINDERELLA'S SLIPPERS

Phenomenal Speed Makes Hashim Khan The World's Best Squash Player At 36

Hashim Khan, the tiny, balding Pakistani who was last year's big surprise in the British Squash Championships, has added a fourth title to the three he already possesses. He trounced the Egyptian professional, ex-Champion Mahmoud Karim, in three straight sets to win the Dunlop Open Professional Squash Tournament.

At 36 he is one of the oldest Champions in the history of the game, and certainly the most unorthodox. His secret is his phenomenal speed. He is the fastest player ever seen, but makes no claim to being a stroke-player and has few winning shots.

When he played his first match in England last year it was at once evident that here was a man who would be hard to beat. But most remarkable thing about him was his extraordinary style.

LIKE A MEAT-CHOPPER

He holds his racket like a meat-chopper, the other hand thrown out to balance himself with fingers spread-eagled, and comes about the court reeling everything.

His extraordinary turn of speed enables him always to choose the direction of his strokes. But although he is thus able to dominate the game he rarely plays exceptional shots, preferring to wear down his opponent by sheer tenacity and unerring strength. He practically never uses the angle shots which are the favorite resort of most champions.

Last year, few people thought he could beat Karim, the ex-hallway from the Gezira Sports Club who became the most classic stroke-player of all time and was three Open Professional Champion. Karim's superb placing, whip-lash strokes and experience in the game were considered to be too much for the little Pakistani.

But Hashim, a head shorter than the Egyptian, utterly routed

the over-confident Champion. He took the first two games for love, and the last with a loss of only five points.

Karim and his supporters afterwards claimed that the Egyptian was not a fit man, a statement which seemed to be borne out by his subsequent treatment in hospital.

But this year Hashim has proved conclusively that he can beat the Egyptian on equal terms. He won the Dunlop title 9-3, 9-3, 9-7.

Hashim is also the reigning Open Champion of the British Isles, Professional Champion, and Scottish Open Champion. He will defend the first title next month, and the Professional and Scottish titles in April.

A GREAT RECORD

It is a great record for the little man from Peshawar, who turned professional only when he found that he could beat everyone who challenged him.

He became Professional Champion of Western India in 1944, a title which he retained for the next two years. A Pathan by birth, he became a naturalized Pakistani at the time of Partition, and won the Professional Championships of Pakistan in 1949. For some years he has been Resident Coach at the Peshawar R.A.F. Officers Mess.

Hashim is immensely popular in Britain. He is a jolly little man with a happy grin, and a great sense of fun. He obviously enjoys a game immensely, and laughs delightedly as he plays.

He loves to exhibit his stunt shots when he knows he has a match "in the bag." His favorite trick is to hit a backhand with his right hand crossed behind his back, and his antics cause roars of laughter in the spectator gallery.

GOOD SPORTSMAN

He is also a remarkably good sportsman. He is generous in victory, and quick to offer a let if he thinks he has obstructed a player.

"Want again?" he queries. He always encourages a less experienced player by deliberately throwing away a few points, and playing back to him. The only man he records no quarter is Karim. He has not forgotten a rebuff from Karim last year, during the Championships, when the haughty young Egyptian curtly refused a lunch invitation from the Pakistani. As a result, the Dunlop final was one of the grimmest affairs we have seen for a long time.

Hashim has one big worry in life. When he plays in England he is obliged to wear shoes—and he can't find shoes anywhere in the country that are small enough for him. So he plays in size six, with the toes padded because he takes 4½. Pakistani friends helped him scour London for shoes and Dunlop sent half a dozen fittings from their factory—but they were all too large.

He even tried the women's departments in the big stores, but the shoes he found there were not broad enough. Twice his too-big shoes tripped him up during practice matches; the first time he sprained an ankle, the second time cut his knee.

But phlegmatic Hashim just shrugged—and went in to win just the same.

—(London Express Service)

JOHN MACADAM sums up—

CLUBS MUST TAKE STRONG ACTION

Dirty play in Soccer—although less common today than it has ever been but nevertheless common enough to constitute a menace to the popularity of the game—can be eliminated only by the most vigorous action by the authorities.

Dirty players will always be dirty players, for the kind of action we have described these past few days is second nature to them—however few they have become.

Everybody in football knows them, and knows under what circumstances they may be expected to blow up. The problem is: How to curb them when they do.

IT'S SIMPLE

In my opinion it is as simple as this...

The clean-up of the foul tactics must start in the club boardroom and in the dressing-room.

I have the word of a famous manager that he went to a visiting club's dressing-room to wish the boys good luck before a vital game. As he opened the door he heard his rival manager tell them, "Get out there and kick them—I don't care where you kick them, but kick them."

He withdrew without offering his good wishes.

"That manager," he told me, "was not speaking entirely of his own bat. He had the backing of his directors, and even those of his players who don't bashers know that their places in the side would be jeopardized if they didn't go out and use the boot."

So it starts with the directors, and the managers who not only shut their eyes to the dirty play

Cambridge Row First Full Course Trial

London, Mar. 11. Cambridge University's strong favorites to beat Oxford in the annual University Boat Race on March 29, rowed their first full course trial from Putney to Mortlake, on the river Thames, today.

Rowing under ideal conditions, they covered the four and a quarter miles in 20 minutes 24 seconds.

Oxford University took 21 minutes 40 seconds last Saturday, but they had to contend with several stretches of choppy water and a lot of river traffic. While Cambridge had many reasons for satisfaction, they must have been worried by the jerky movement of their boat through the water. —Reuter.

★ ★ ★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★ ★ ★

Now Take Your Pick For The Cast Of The "Pickwick Papers"

Says JACK DAVIES

HAVING read through hundreds of suggestions for the casting of five of the principal roles in Renown's film version of "The Pickwick Papers," it is obvious that producer George Minter and director Noel Langley have no easy task ahead of them.

Some suggestions, if acted upon, would undoubtedly bring forth howls of dismay from the Dickens Fellowship. I cannot imagine, for example, as one of my readers did, that Humphrey Bogart would be an ideal Tracyn. Neither can I see Alan Ladd as Snodgrass, or either Bebe Daniels or Anna Neagle as Mrs. Bardell.

ALL FOR ONE

One or two actors emerged with flying colours. Alec Guinness was cast for every male role in the picture, one person going so far as to suggest that he should play them all simultaneously!

Felma Williams was another who was suggested for most parts.

On average, the most popular cast would appear to be:

TRACYN, Cecil Parker or Mervyn Johns.
SNODGRASS, George Cole or Dennis Price or Alec Guinness.

WINKLE, David Tomlinson or Alec Guinness.

JINGLE, Nigel Patrick (an easy winner).

MRS. BARDELL, Hermione Baddeley or Miss Jenkins. There were many suggestions for Sam Weller. That famous

Dickensian, Bransby Williams, suggested Leslie Dwyer, adding that if the trial scene is used, he would like to play Buzzuz himself, a suggestion I pass on to Minter.

Other popular choices for Weller were Tommy Trinder, Max Bygraves, Jack Warner, Bill Owen, Jimmy Hanley, Sydney Tafler, Bernard Miles and, inevitably, Alec Guinness.

TALL STORY

THAT languid-looking Irishman, Patrick Campbell, who always seems to me to be about 10 feet tall, has won much fame as a writer of humorous stories and articles. Now he has turned his attention to the movie business and has written a screen story, "Miss Robin Hood," which Group III will put into production, shortly.

It is not, as might be suspected, a starring vehicle for Joan Rice, but is concerned with the adventures of the editor of a magazine for teenagers who is writing a serial about a female outlaw and who suddenly slips on the wrong side of the law himself.

Playing the leading roles in "Miss Robin Hood" will be Margaret Rutherford, Naumton Wayne, Eric Berry and Michael Madwin. It should be funny.

GOOD HUNTING

LIKE Miss Rutherford, Martha Hunt is another character actress who gets offered many more screen roles than she can possibly accept.

Miss Hunt is currently playing a faded music hall star with Ted Ray in "Kay Walsh in 'Meet Me Tonight.'" When this is completed she is going straight into another Technicolor film, "It Started in Paradise," in which she will play a naughty dress designer.

Also cast for this film are Jane Hylton, Terence Morgan and Ian Hunter.

CASH ON THE KEYS

AS a money-tracker there's nothing like an old song. Recently Warner Brothers made a biography of the late Gus Kahn entitled "I'll See you in My Dreams."

Up till then the songwriter's widow had been receiving a handy £3,000 or so a quarter by way of royalties from her husband's old tunes. However, Warner's still had to pay over £22,000 for the rights of the title song and other Kahn ditties used in the picture.

British film producers don't pay that kind of money for music. They hit a much lower note—somewhere round the bottom of the keyboard.

BAGDAD 'BABES'

IN Spain they are making a film entitled "Babes of Bagdad." The Babes concerned are Paulette Goddard, John Boles, Egypte Rose Lee and Hugh Dempster.

Mrs. Dempster, writing to me from Barcelona, says: "The

Ray Milland Is Sentimental Over A Street Bench

The most nostalgic place in Hollywood to Ray Milland, a man full of nostalgia, is the northeast corner of Sunset Boulevard and Laurel Avenue.

There's a bench there and it's full of memories for the actor. Some 15 or more years ago when he wasn't a movie star and didn't have enough money to buy a peanut butter sandwich at the drugstore back of the bench, Milland would sit there and watch the movie stars go by.

WAITING FOR THE BREAK

"I'd sit by the hour," the actor said, "and watch those big beautiful cars sail by, loaded with glamorous people. It was where I'd meditate—hoping someday to get that break I was always working for."

It was while driving from his Beverly Hills home to Burbank for his starring role in Warner Bros. "Close to My Heart" that he renewed his acquaintanceship with the bench.

"Morning on my way to work I'd pass there," he said, "and begin thinking about how lucky I am today. You know, that bench gives me a whole new perspective on life."

Back To College

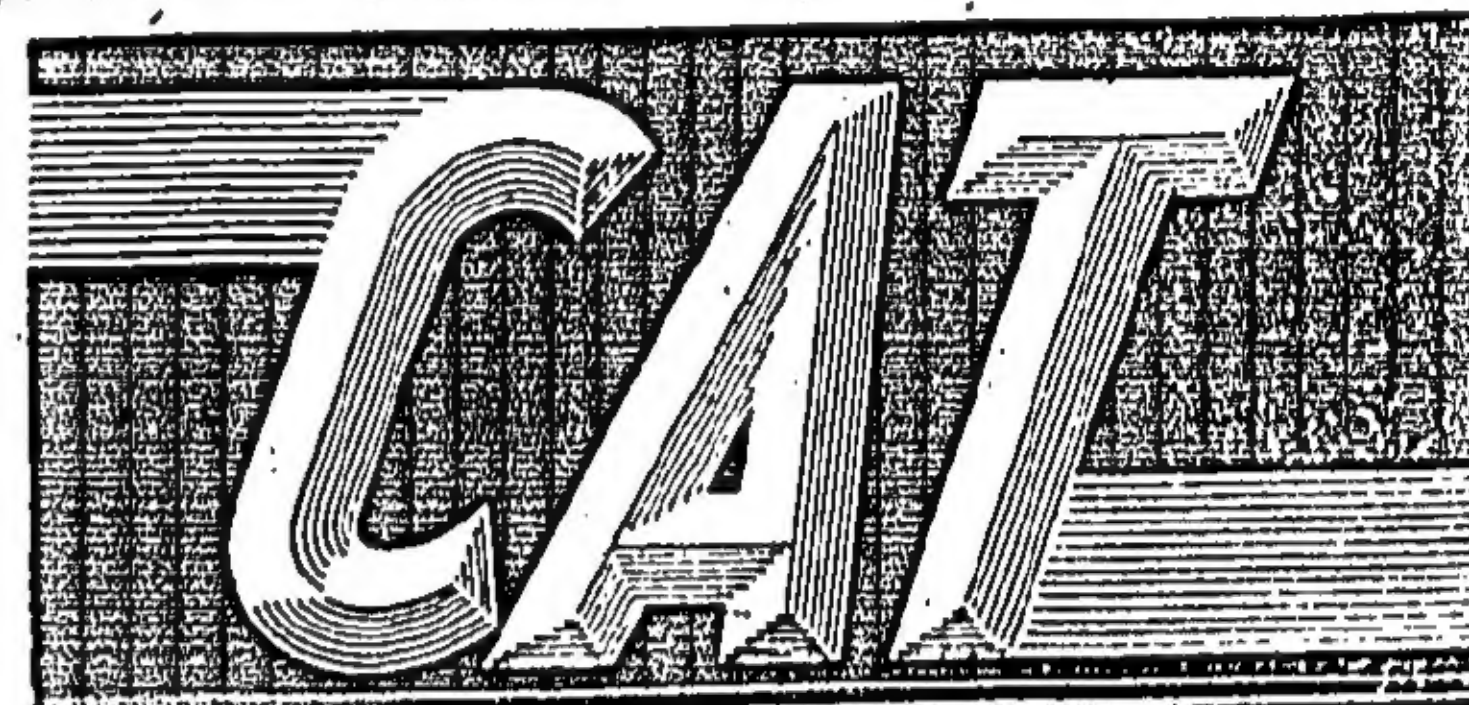
Warner's Patrice Wymore, who last played a Ziegfeld beauty in the studio's "I'll See You in My Dreams," is currently portraying a college coed in "She's Working Her Way Through College."



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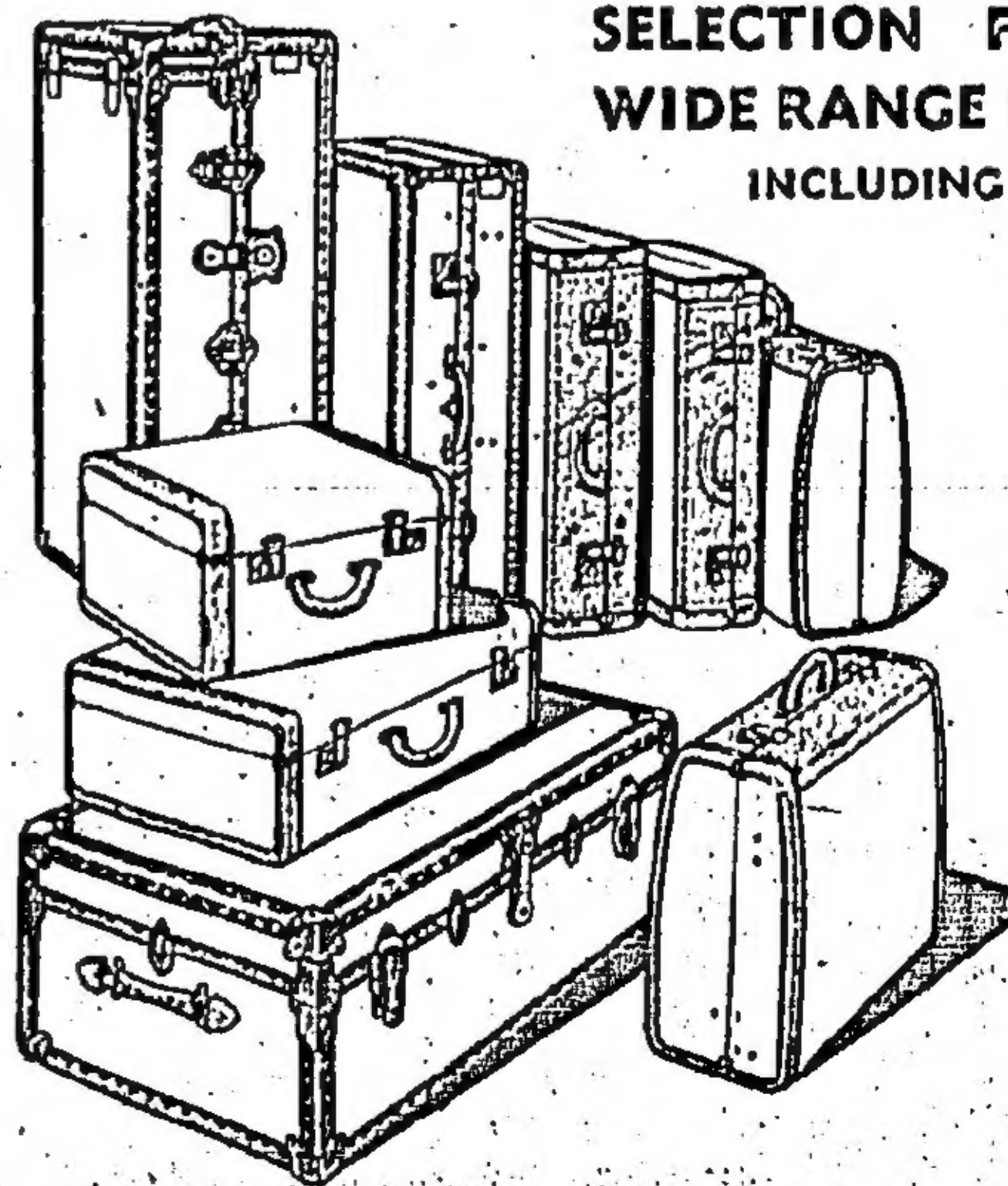
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Bannister And Wint Decline Invitation

London, Mar. 11. Roger Bannister, the Oxford miller, and Arthur Wint, the Jamaican holder of the Olympic 400 Metres title, have both declined an invitation to compete in the well-known Coliseum Relays in Los Angeles, California, on May 16.

E. McDonald Bailey, of Trinidad, the joint holder of the World 100 Metres record, has accepted the invitation but Mr. Jack Crump, Secretary of the British Amateur Athletic Board, said today that the trip was now "to some extent in the melting pot."

He had asked the Americans for their views on the matter.

Bannister has declined because he does not want to run outside Britain before the Olympic Games. Wint feels that he would not be able to get fit in time for Los Angeles because his training has been delayed by a slight knee trouble. He is also busy engaged in his final year of studies as a medical student. —Reuter.

Scottish Soccer

London, Mar. 11. Clyde beat Dundee United by three goals to nil in a Scottish League, Division "B," football match today.

The match was postponed from February 2. —Reuter.

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New York Sugar Futures

Contract	Rate
World sugar futures closed today 1 to 3 lower with sales totalling 289 contracts.	
Contract No. 6 closed 1 higher to 3 lower with sales totalling 1,843 contracts.	
Contract No. 4 (world)	4.44
May	4.44
July	4.44
September	4.44
November	4.44
Spot	4.44
Contract No. 8	5.74
May	5.74
July	5.74
September	5.74
November	5.74
Spot	5.74

Pepper Market

New York, Mar. 11.
 Spot pepper held firm today on a basis of \$1.52 to 1.53 a pound in the local market, but afloat supply and shipping positions showed a softening tendency as buyers held aloof. Supplies awaiting release from the recently arrived steamer Steel Age were quoted at around \$1.50, and supplies from the Steel Chemist, due on March 16, were indicated at \$1.80. Local resellers indicated March shipment at \$1.10, April \$1.10 and May \$1.10, all on an ex-dock basis.—United Press.

Oil Mission Returning

London, Mar. 11.
 The British oil mission to the Persian Gulf has ended its study of problems of increased production there and will return here tomorrow.

The mission will report to the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, on its month's tour of the region in which they visited the independent Sheikdoms of Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and Sharjah, and Riyadh in Saudi Arabia.

Sir Roger Makins, who led the mission, is now in Athens on his way back to London where he is due tomorrow night. His main task was to study conditions at first-hand and to discuss the situation with local rulers.—Reuter.

STERLING AREA AND JAPAN

Talks To Be Held In Tokyo

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

The parties to the Sterling Area-Japan payments agreement will meet here this month to review the financial trends under the agreement.

Starting this here today, a United Kingdom Liaison Mission spokesman said that the review would be purely to discuss financial trends and would in no way be a trade conference. Sterling Area representatives here told Reuter that they knew of nothing to confirm frequent Japanese newspaper suggestions that a full-scale trade conference would open this month.

Reports had suggested that the Sterling Area countries and Japan were to get together to work out trade arrangements to ease Japan's mounting Sterling balances, which were reported now to be in the vicinity of £200,000,000.

Japanese trade circles told Reuter that Japanese officials at the coming payments review were likely to make an issue of this big Sterling imbalance.

A FUNDAMENTAL
 They were likely to ask for assurances that the Sterling Area countries would take definite steps to wipe out the balance. These circles said that the Japanese were likely to suggest a re-inclusion of the former dollar settlement clause, which the Japanese hoped, would cause the Sterling Area countries to strive harder to keep exports and imports even. Big imbalances of Sterling to Japan's disadvantage would have to be settled in dollars.

However, Sterling Area trade circles, well aware of the Japanese desire for re-inclusion of the dollar settlement clause, have been unanimously opposed to the idea.

They say that a fundamental of the Sterling Area trade with Japan is that no dollars can be used in purchasing Japanese products.—Reuter.

Grain Prices In Chicago

New York, Mar. 11.

Prices of grain futures closed today as follows:

Grain	Rate
Wheat	2.23 1/2 nominal
March	2.23 1/2
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Take Home a Case

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Alleged Spy Paid \$10,000

Sabzburg, Mar. 11. Czech Communist intelligence agents paid \$10,000 to an alleged spy in Austria in an attempt to get high-level Western defence secrets, according to evidence presented today in Austria's first postwar espionage trial.

The prosecution in the trial of the accused spy, Heinz Simon, 42, Polish-born displaced person, said details of the transaction were contained in a confession signed by the defendant, who had pleaded not guilty to the spy charges.

The prosecution said defendant confessed Czech agents paid 100,000 Austrian schillings in an attempt to find the answers to a list of 20 questions, which included where the United States intended to establish the first European defence line.

Defendant explained he was unable to get any of the answers but got money anyway for copies of old Army documents, newspapers including the Stars and Stripes, and old Army letters.

Simon is being tried by the United States Civil Affairs Court on charges that he gave information on American troops and equipment in Austria to Czech agents. He is alleged to be a member of a spy ring which operated in the American and British Zones of Austria, United Press.

Import Cuts Called Anti-British

Cable re, Mar. 11. The Opposition leader, Dr. Herbert Morrison, tonight urged Australia to cut imports from Britain.

"They should be heavy blows at our knees," he said.

He thought they were a re-valuation of the conference agreement that Commonwealth countries should cut the use of non-sterling currencies to help sterling.

"Instead, Australia is now introducing a policy certain to cause serious permanent damage to the recovery of sterling," he said.

"The people of Britain during the great crisis of the war were compelled to pay for munitions from overseas," he said.—Reuter.

Alcoholic Ice-Cream Bricks? 11 Times No

London, Mar. 11.

Almost, yesterday, a new social habit was born. Pietro Pioli, of Tipton, Staffs, wanted to make and sell alcoholic ice-cream bricks.

He was quite clear about his intentions. He was going to mix one part of liqueur to eight parts of ice-cream, and after four years' experiments, he had found a way of using cherry brandy, Drambuie, creme de menthe, Benedictine, apricot, brandy, and rum in bricks that would keep.

He was not going to have tipsy boys, demanding one more for the road; he wanted to supply the product to banquets and similar functions and to licensed premises.

To work this retail plan he needed a wine and spirit licence for his dairy. But when his solicitor Mr Frank Cooper applied for one at Tipton yesterday, the opposition was formidable.

Ready to say "No" were 18 clergymen representing churches and chapels, three brewery spokesmen, a grocer with an off-licence and a temperance society chief.

Mr Cooper, unquelled, told the 11 magistrates that Pietro Pioli's firm, Morecam Products Ltd., wanted a licence for quantities less than two gallons, or enough for 200 people at a time.

"Do not let us be hypocritical about this," said Mr Cooper. "We have all been to banquets and eaten sherry trifles and alcoholic sauces."

"This is entirely a new product and we should be allowed to progress with the times and maintain our reputation."

RAILWAYS' REQUEST
Mr Cooper said that among those who had made requests for the product was British Railways.

Then came the opposition. The Rev. A. T. Skyrme, of the Park Lane Methodist Circuit in Tipton, said that spiritual, moral and social issues were involved.

"The ultimate object," declared Mr Skyrme, "is to make an innocent sweetmeat potentially dangerous. We, the clergy, regard this application as an insidious attack on the social and moral habits of young people."

The Rev. T. Thompson, for the Boys' Brigade, said there was a danger that young people might get a taste for the flavour and consequently for alcohol.

OF ONE MIND
Mr Cooper rose to say that the alcoholic ice-cream would not be offered for sale where there was a danger of young people eating it.

It was no use. The 11 magistrates were of one mind; and the chairman, Mr W. H. Powis said: "There is no case to warrant such a licence."

Mr John Pioli, brother of Pietro and a director of the firm, said later: "Such a pity. Boris could not have bought an alcoholic corset, but rather could have visited the dairy and bought a big family carton."

"This, containing a pint, would have cost between 6s. and 8s. against 1s. 6d. for a 'celestial' pack of similar size. We would also have sold smaller bricks in cartons for 3s. or 4s., compared with 9d. for the plain ice-cream."—London Express Service.

'CHUCKLES,' 3oz. AND DOING WELL



First picture of Chuckles, the East African white-footed bush-baby born at the London Zoo three weeks ago.

West African bush-babies are occasionally born at the Zoo, but this is the first of the rare East African type to be bred there.

At birth, Chuckles weighed only an ounce. Now, when his guardian, Miss Margaret Southwick, a member of the reptile house laboratory staff, puts him on the scales, he "tips the beam" at three ounces.

Chuckles lives in a warm "nursery" with his parents, who came from Kenya a year ago. He is doing well and the Zoo hope to rear him.

London Express Service.

Japanese Sue Govt.

Tokyo, Mar. 12.

Two Japanese announced today that they had filed suits against the Japanese Government for denying them passports to go to Moscow.

They are former member of the Upper House, Koi Hoshu, and a member of the leading opposition "Progressives" party, Kikuko Miyagoshi.

They named the passport office of the Foreign Ministry as "disregarding fundamental human rights."

A Foreign Office spokesman, confirming the passport rejection, pointed out to Reuter that the government policy, announced in the Diet, laid down that no Japanese would be allowed to visit Russia at the present time.

The government had stated that it was not at present able to guarantee the safe return of Japanese visiting Russia.

The two applicants are among more than 20 Japanese invited by the Soviet Government to attend an economic conference scheduled to start in Moscow on April 3.

The Soviet Government and offered to pay all expenses and a Russian ship is at present waiting at a Japanese west coast port to take the guests to Siberia to start their overland journey to Moscow.—Reuter.

Criminal Wounded In Gun Battle

Montreal, Mar. 11.

Leonard Jackson, one of Canada's most notorious criminals, was wounded by the police tonight after a gun battle at the rooming house where he was trapped.

The police said Jackson, bank robber and escaped convict, was not believed to be in a critical condition.—United Press.

Soldier's Complaint

Santa Maria, Calif., Mar. 11.

An Army private serving a 10-year sentence for sleeping on guard duty in Korea said today that he had been on duty for 68 hours before he was assigned to the watch.

Private First Class Dewey McConnell said this was not brought out at his court martial despite the efforts of his counsel to put it into the record.—United Press.

ASSAULTED POLICEMAN

Found guilty of assaulting a Police Officer in due execution of his duty, Li Wai-huen, 73, native of Shantung, was sentenced to three months by Mr Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning.

The prosecution alleged that at about 9.30 last night, Det. Sub-Ins. Van Kaysing, went to the third floor of China Building to make certain enquiries. In the corridor Insp. Van met defendant to whom he revealed his identity and the purpose of his visit. For no apparent reason, defendant hit the inspector on the chest and threatened to hurl a spittoon at two other Police officers.

Defendant denied that assault and said he did not understand the Cantonese dialect in which the complainant talked to him. He said he had some drinks that night.

Made Fireworks In Wooden Hut

Lung Chun-sun, 32 and Lee Lim, 36, were each fined \$500 by Mr Oswald Cheung at Kowloon this morning for possession of gunpowder and manufacturing fireworks without a licence.

DSI Farmer said the Police visited 631 Wor Tsal Village on Monday afternoon and found defendants manufacturing fireworks. Beside them were three bowls of gunpowder.

The hut was built of wood and the village was congested with wooden huts. An ignition would cause the powder to flare with disastrous results, added the Inspector.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION:

Call the six languages (and interpreters) F G S D P W. Consider the first three clues that Mr. F and Mr. G speak (between them) G S P W; that of the languages spoken by Mr. D and the namesakes speak F and that Mr. S speaks D G. There are three possibilities:

Mr. F	G S	D	W	P	G
Mr. G	D G	P	G	P	G
Mr. D	W F	P	G	P	G
Mr. S	P	G	P	G	P
Mr. W	P	G	P	G	P

But if it is ruled out by the fact that no one speaks G P, and if by the fact that someone speaks D P, and this cannot be Mr. P. Hence it is unique Mr. G speaks D P; Mr. S speaks F S and Mr. W speaks French and Welsh.

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CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers
1. Hooster. 2. Part of Greece, south of the Isthmus of Corinth. 3. (D.). 4. The weight of an arrow of a chemical element. 5. The nightingale.

Allegations Of Cruelty Against School Principals

London, Mar. 11.

Two schoolgirls went into a witness-box today to tell what they saw happening at a co-educational boarding school—where, it is alleged, a clergyman and his wife, joint principals of the school, caused unnecessary suffering to seven children in their care.

The girls said that one boy of 15 was tied by the hands and feet as a punishment because he had stolen some orange squash. The father of this boy, and the father of a boy of 14, said to have been made to sleep in a locked outhouse, both told the Wimborne magistrates that they had no complaints about the school.

In the dock—a fireplace alcove in the oak-beamed courthouse—are the Rev. Percy Edward Wallbridge, formerly a Congregational minister and China missionary, and his wife, Mrs. Vera Wallbridge, who run a £63-a-term Farnley Close School, Lyehett, Dorset.

The magistrates requested that the children in the case should not be named or identified, and the court was cleared when the two girls—both dressed in the school's grey-and-red uniform—gave evidence.

The first girl, aged 14, said that she saw a boy in the school hall with his hands tied behind his back and roped to his feet. He was on his knees and some of the children were laughing at him.

Mr S. T. Molony, defending, asked: "Somebody tied his hands as a punishment to teach him to keep his hands off other people's property—that was the idea, whether it was a good one or not?" The girl replied: "I should think so."

The chairman (Mr O. B. P. Burdon): "When you saw the boy tied up, did he appear very distressed about it?"—No.

SHE SIGNS
When the clerk of the court handed a transcript of her evidence to the girl for her to sign, she shook her head and refused to take the pen offered to her.

"My mother said I was not to sign statements," she said. The clerk tried to persuade her. Still she refused. The clerk turned to 49-year-old Mrs. Wallbridge, sitting in the dock.

Spending for the first time during the case, Mrs. Wallbridge smiled across the court and said quietly: "I will take responsibility if you sign it."

The girl signed the statement. The second girl, aged 13, said the boy concealed his face. One of the masters, Mr Flood, told two other boys to tie him up because he had taken oranges from the stores while the rest of the school was at a film show.

Added the girl: "Mr Flood told us to laugh at him. I laughed, we all did."

The father of the boy said it he brought his son to court there was the danger of an epileptic fit. He said in evidence:

"My boy went to five schools but had to leave them all because of his anti-social characteristics. Surrey Education authorities sent him to Farnley Close, and I have been satisfied with his progress."

Mrs Wallbridge has had a constructive policy regarding the boy, and hers is the first school which has done him any good.

"The boy cannot speak too highly of the school. I have visited it, and find the general atmosphere attractive. All the children appear to be happy."

'UNREASONABLE'
In an opening statement, Mr Henry Elam, prosecuting, said there were 67 boys and 45 girls at the school at the time the alleged offences took place. Some of them were mentally retarded.

Mr Elam said that the seven children who, he alleged, had been ill-treated had all done something wrong. But he submitted that "the punishment went right outside reasonable and legitimate punishment."

He added that it was fair to say that 50-year-old Mr. Wallbridge was not there when the alleged incidents happened, but was brought into the case as a joint principal.

When the court came to consider the case of the boy in the outhouse, the prosecution put Mr Gilbert Gell, children's officer for Dorset, into the witness box.

He said that last December he went to the school at 9 p.m., with a doctor, and two police officers.

'HE WAS COLD'
Mr Gell went on: "In a long narrow, passage-like room with no lights and a stone floor we found a folding iron bed in a corner. Half, covering the wire mesh was a single thickness of blanket. There was no mattress and no pillow."

Living Language

Why we say To cut the Gordian knot.

This is sometimes shortened to "cutting the knot" and refers to the "historical knot of leather with which the King of Phrygia tied the pole of his chariot to the yoke. He declared that whoever undid it would become master of Asia. Alexander the Great cut the knot with his sword and went on to conquer Asia. The phrase is used to describe a quick and easy way out of a difficulty.

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at G.P.O. and at Kowloon Post Office, registered articles and parcels mails close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12
By Air
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.; C.P.A.
Japan, Korea, 5 p.m.; B.O.A.C.
Formosa, 5 p.m.; H.K. Airways.
By Surface
Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 5 p.m.; S.S. Len Hong/Tai Shing.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13
By Air
Siam, Burma, Pakistan, Dacca, Beirut, Great Britain, Europe, 8 a.m.; B.O.A.C.
India, China, 5 p.m.; Air Vietnam.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m.; C.P.A.
By Surface
Macao, 12.30 p.m.; 5 p.m.; S.S. Len Hong/Tai Shing.

China People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. train via Canton.
Japan, 1 a.m.; S.S. Murella.
Burma, 2 a.m.; S.S. La Campana.
Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascar, India, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m.; S.S. Corfu.
Mauritius, East & South Africa, 5 p.m.; S.S. Tjaskard.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
6.00. Programme Summary: 6.02. Children's Half Hour (BBC); 7.00. The House at Poole Corner by A.A. Milne. Episode 10: "An Enchanted Place"; 8.30. A Concert by Maestr Brase Barthelemy; 9.00. from the Royal Albert Hall, London conducted by Denis Wright; 7.00. Time Signal, World News and News from the London. Relay; 7.15. Analytic; 7.30. Variety Requests presented by Joan Halliday (Studio); 7.50. Weather Report; 8.00. From the Editorials (Recorded Relay); 8.10. Interlude; 8.15. Orchestra of the Week—The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra; 8.45. The Budget Speech (Recorded Relay); by the Right Hon. R.A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer; 9.00. Piano Recital by Wong Kuk-ying and Harry Ore (Studio); Symphonic Variations (Cesal-Frank); 9.20. London Promenade Orchestra; 9.30. The Canterbury Tales No. 9 (BBC); The Wife of Bath's Tale and the Friar's Tale; Chaucer's Poem adapted for Broadcasting by Neville Coghill; 10.30. Time for Music (BBC); The BBC Scottish Variety Orchestra conducted by Kemlo Stephen; 11.00. Radio News (Recorded Relay); 11.10. Good Night Music; 11.20. Weather Report; God Save The Queen; 11.30. Close Down.



Mme. de Terwangne, fashionable Parisienne, models this striking carwheel hat by Rose Valois. Like so many smart women today, Mme. de Terwangne is most enthusiastic about the latest fashion of rose-tinting the gums. She knows how this makes the teeth look even whiter, by contrast, and the smile so much more alluring.

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Here Is A Book For Local Gardening Enthusiasts

People often find that books on gardens published in England are not very helpful out here. The seasons do not tally; flowers in those beautifully planned borders illustrated on the coloured pages simply will not grow. But "Adam the Gardener" gets down to earth.

In over a hundred and fifty pages by Cyril Cowell and Morley Adams, published by the Sunday Express which advertises the booklet as "A Pictorial Guide to each week's work," it is shown that though the weeks may not correspond with the growing seasons of our flora, one may cultivate vegetables and many of the flowers, while the problems of soil, pests, grafting, pruning and fertilising, fascinate anywhere in the world.

Besides all this being illustrated in very eloquent pictures with a few words of explanation, there is at the beginning a glossary of simple gardening terms, a page of garden gadgets, a diagram showing colour harmony, a list of "Do's" and one of "Don'ts" as well as the more usual things like planning new gardens. "Three tips from Adam" come just before the Index. Each would be most useful anywhere in Hongkong.

Such a book might even inspire among its more enthusiastic readers a feeling of competition—that life-blood of progress—and this may perhaps lead to the resurrection of the Hongkong Horticultural Society, an institution responsible for so many beautiful gardens and 1041 it encouraged new delight in things growing, and gave those growing them a chance to compare notes and widen their knowledge. Somewhere there must be another D. J. Sloos, J. T. Bagman, Dr. Harknoll or Lt. Col. Dawbigin, to mention only four whose keenness charged the original Horticultural Society with a lively force.

Renaisances and new beginnings being part of the colony's breathing, this little book, which is being sold at the SCMP in Wyndham Street at \$3.50 a copy, may encourage the re-flowering this spring of a valuable but dormant root.—Sue Dawson.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The boy is getting fine grades at Harvard! He'll be a great surgeon some day—it runs in the family!"